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Aussie Order Of The Day

"It is not unlikely that the action of Greece, this small and noble nation, may prove in the end to be the beginning of the final downfall of Nazi tyranny."

This statement occurs in a special Order of the Day issued to his troops by the commander of the Australian forces in the Middle East, Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, in Athens yesterday.

Lt.-Gen. Blamey recalled that once again, just 26 years ago, an Australian army landed in these regions on the great Gallipoli adventure.

The Order of the Day says: "Every Greek man and woman and every pound of Greek money is being put into the war effort.

"We have come as comrades in arms. We have now landed again in these regions to fight at the side of the Greeks and to overthrow once more a German effort to enslave the world." — Reuter.

Violent German Break-Through Attempts Smashed

R.A.F. AND GREEK AIR SQUADRONS ARE MERCILESSLY BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING THE GERMANS IN THE MONASTIR AREA, WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, SAYS A GREEK MINISTRY OF WAR BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The failure of the Germans to effect a break-through during the first days, together with a continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory, and "there is no major activity to report," the bulletin adds.

The radio announcer quoted a Greek Press Ministry statement saying that in Yugoslavia it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugoslav army remains intact and has retired to mountainous areas where it is easy to maintain the defensive, and whence it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

Highland Defences

The situation in northern Yugoslavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugoslav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and are approaching Serbia, where strong defences can readily be maintained.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN YUGOSLAVIA HAS MATERIALLY IMPROVED DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE ATTACKED AND DISLOCATED GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND INFLICTED MANY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY.

The Germans, says the statement, are unable to use their

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YUGOSLAVIA TO APPEAL TO TURKEY?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL."]

Announcement that the Yugoslav Minister in Bulgaria is due in Istanbul en route to Ankara is taken to indicate that Yugoslavia will seek Turkish aid against Italy and Germany.

It is believed he will confer with the Turkish Foreign Minister, who, it is thought, will lend him a friendly ear. — International News Service.

PILOT'S THRILLING ESCAPE

Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No-Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew.

His escape, first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Returning to his squadron, the pilot said he was just about dead-beat when he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer he is reported to have said "We had been ground-strafing German motorised columns and had done a deuce of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."—Reuter.

TANK BATTLE IN PERIMETER OF TOBRUK

IN LIBYA YESTERDAY MORNING ENEMY INFANTRY, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK, ANNOUNCES A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE.

At one point about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences.

An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as a result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses both in tanks and personnel.

The situation has been completely restored.

Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum.

Abyssinia Pursuit

In Abyssinia our pursuit of the beaten and disorganised enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a brigade commander. — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

German aircraft flying singly dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during daylight yesterday.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales on Sunday night.—Reuter.

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Balkan War Rapidly Entering Upon Second Phase

NAZIS HALTED BOTH IN GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MILITARY CIRCLES IN ATHENS DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST SO HEAVILY IN ATTACKS ON THE MAIN GREEK AND BRITISH DEFENCE LINES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT THEY ARE NOW PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY.

These sources foresee the Balkan war entering a second phase with the Yugoslavs, heartened by the Anglo-Greek success, strengthening their defences in the mountain fastnesses and harassing the Germans on the northern front.

Athens radio says the Anglo-Greek forces are taking advantage of the German inaction, as the Germans apparently are counting their losses and licking their wounds, and have heavily reinforced their lines.

It is reported that the situation on all fronts is very satisfactory, with the British completely controlling the eastern end of the line.

Eye-witness reports from Macedonia and Thrace state the Greeks were far superior in hand-to-hand fighting and that Greek bayonet charges devastated the Germans, just as they did the Italians in Albania.

Axis Troops Melted

It is reported that in many sectors the Axis troops literally melted under Greek bayonet charges when they found their mechanised attacks had not swept the Greeks from their feet.

At the western end of the line it is reported that Greek shock troops and British and Anzac armoured units repulsed repeated German thrusts towards Florina and Vamtsa from Monastir Gap.

The Yugoslavs, having reorganised, are counter-attacking on both sides of the Morava River as well as in south Serbia, where they are reported to have recaptured Brokuplje from the Germans.

It is reported the Yugoslavs have halted the German mechanised advance at Suhareka and Kacanik.—International News Service.

PURELY INCIDENTAL

Dr. H. Ritman, head of the N.E.I. Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting in Manila between the N.E.I. Foreign and Colonial Secretaries and Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, emphasised in an interview in Batavia yesterday that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a form "conference of the powers," as the press had inferred.—Reuter.

ITALY SENDS NEW PROTEST TO UNITED STATES

Italy delivered a new Note yesterday to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the Note are not published but an Italian official in Washington said it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding seizure of the ships.—Reuter.

ITALY FORESEES TROUBLE

"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugoslavia, to gain time," declared the "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome yesterday.

"In any case, withdrawal of the British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question, and we must therefore expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army, and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent trip to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says the Axis will deal with American convoys according to international law. — Reuter.

PEARL RIVER REOPENED

CLOSED SINCE WEDNESDAY LAST BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN CANTON, THE PEARL RIVER WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED YESTERDAY MORNING, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE O.S.K.'S AGENTS IN CANTON.

The Japanese motor-vessel, Siragane Maru, will resume schedule to-morrow when she arrives in Hong Kong.

The s.s. Fatshan will now sail for Canton on Saturday morning, according to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

FLYING FORTRESSES FLOWN ACROSS ATLANTIC

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A NUMBER OF NEW TYPE UNITED STATES FOUR-ENGINED FLYING FORTRESSES HAVE REACHED BRITAIN FROM THE UNITED STATES, BEATING ALL RECORDS IN THEIR FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

They are known as the Boeing B17C, and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Should they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bomber offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first Flying Fortresses from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates important advancements.

Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 horsepower, give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet, while at 220 miles an hour it has a range of 2,450 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy, and back.

It can carry a very heavy bomb load. It is 15½ feet high, 68 feet long and has a wing span of over 100 feet, and it carries a crew of seven to nine.—Reuter.

NEW IRAQ CABINET

SAYID RASHID ALI EL GALLANI, CHIEF CIVILIAN LEADER IN THE IRAQ COUP D'ETAT, HAS SUCCEEDED IN FORMING A CABINET UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY.

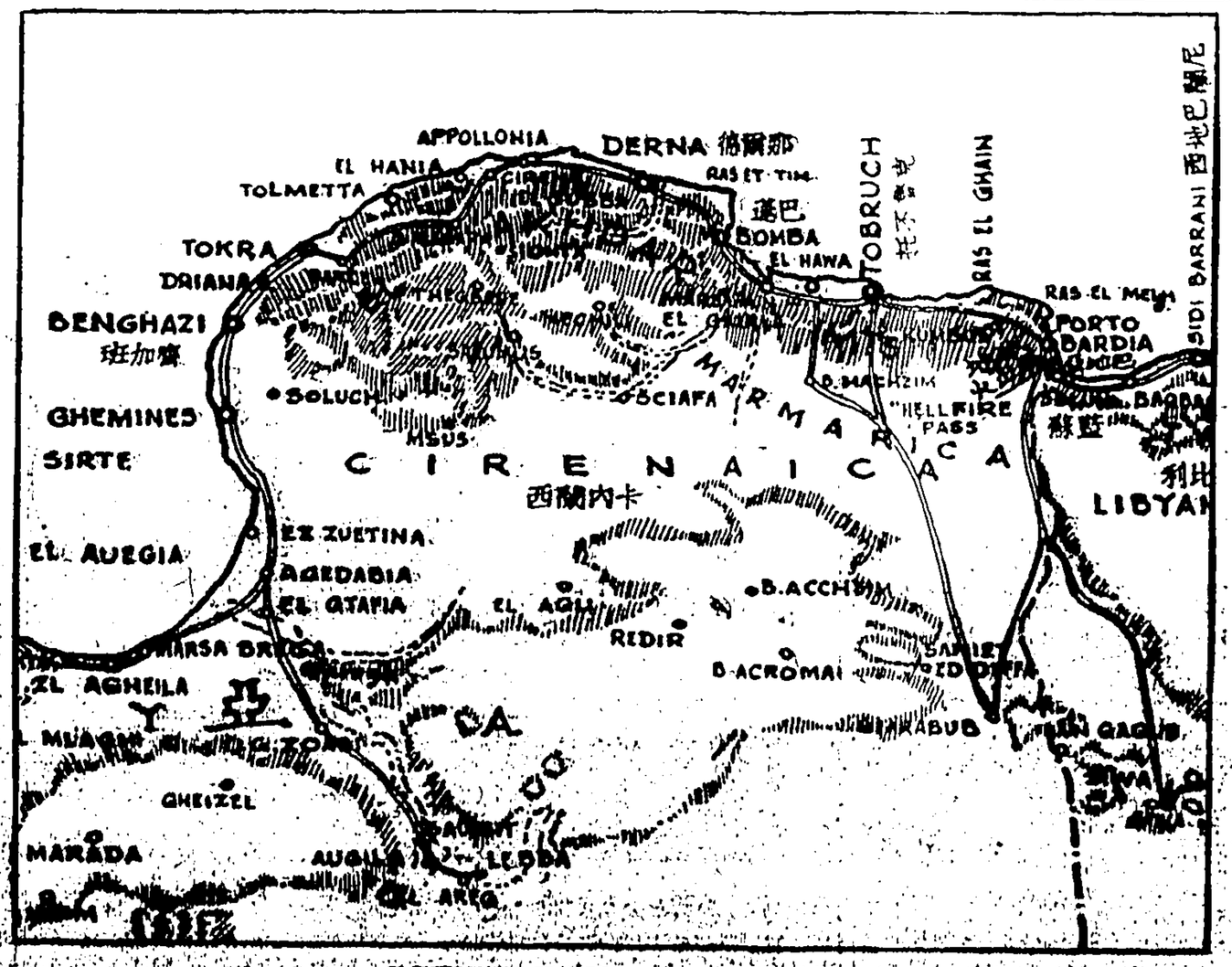
The Cabinet, announced by the Royal Iraq Legation in London, shows Sayid Rashid as Prime Minister, and includes Sayid Musa al Shabander as Foreign Minister, Sayid Naji al Suwaida as Finance Minister, Sayid Naji Shawkat as Defence Minister, and Sayid Ali Mahmud al Sheikh Ali as Minister of Justice.—Reuter.

PICKED WRONG TARGETS

Two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early yesterday morning a Heinkel fell to the British trawler "Kingston Amber," while a Junkers nose-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a Free French submarine-chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage. — Reuter.



SCENE OF NEW CONFLICT

U.S. GREENLAND ARRANGEMENT TO STAY PUT

M. HENRIK DE KAUFFMAN, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

M. de Kauffman signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark, after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

M. de Kauffman had previously acquiesced in President Roosevelt's plan to purchase ships in United States ports which were being held in United States custody.

M. de Kauffman declared he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement.

U.S. Assent

He added he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling M. de Kauffman and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly-authorised Danish Minister in Washington.—Reuter.

SOVIET DISTRUST OF GERMANY

Believed To Be Inspiration Of New Agreement

Seen As, At Most, A Keep Out Pact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS in Washington sharply differ regarding the import of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact.

A high Administration spokesman, however, said the Pact's apparent blow at British and American prestige is actually deceptive.

He pointed out the possibility that the agreement was actually based on the Soviet's growing distrust of Germany, saying the Russians now do not fear a Japanese attack from the rear and are free to concentrate their forces on the west front in the event of a German thrust into the Ukraine or at Suez, which would close the Dardanelles.

Informed circles believe that Hitler, if victorious in the Balkans, plans a blitz against the Ukraine grainfields, which he has long coveted, or to seize the Dardanelles or Suez, any of which moves would provoke Russia to war.

Nazi Theory

In Berlin, German quarters say they are highly pleased over the Pact and add "At present we will not stress the fact that Moscow's signature indicates the growing anti-American front."

Informed German quarters declare this statement is intended to preserve the studied reserve with which the Wilhelmstrasse has met what they call "provocative American acts" in recent weeks.

They say Germany "considers such acts a peculiar manifestation of the American habit of interfering with matters which do not concern America."

The Germans add that the Pact is a "tremendous blow" to President Roosevelt and "hope it will influence him not to plunge into the war at Britain's side."

Keep-Out Pact

In London, informed circles dismiss the Pact as a wordy but pointless document, neither side promising the other anything concrete.

The "Daily Express" declares "At the most this is a 'keep-out pact' in which neither side actively aids the other. It does not affect Britain, neither favourably nor unfavourably."

Authoritative British circles say that while the Pact appears to give the Japanese a free hand in the Far East, equally it gives Russia a free hand against Germany in the west.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI HOTEL STRIKES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SHANGHAI HISTORY WHITE WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED AS CHAMBERMAIDS IN THE CITY'S SWANK BRITISH-OWNED METROPOLE HOTEL YESTERDAY TO REPLACE 200 STRIKING CHINESE.

Meanwhile the situation is unchanged in the Cathay Hotels Ltd. strike, involving nearly 1,000 Chinese workers.

The Cathay Hotels, owned by E. D. Sassoon's, comprise the Cathay Hotel, Cathay Mansions, the Metropole and Hamilton House.—International News Service.

BULGARIA REJOICES IN NAZI CRIME

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

EXPECTING THE QUICK REANNEXATION OF GREEK AND SERBIAN MACEDONIA, THOUSANDS OF BULGARIANS MARCHED PAST THE PALACE IN SOFIA TO CHEER KING BORIS.

The Italian and German Ministers and Macedonian leaders addressed the crowds, promising Bulgaria a share of these regions under Nazi auspices.

The Bulgarian press continually demands that Yugoslavia return Macedonia and Thrace.—International News Service.

NO ALARM IN U.S.

"Significance of the Pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement in Washington.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of a situation which has, in effect, existed between the two countries for some time past.

"It therefore comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two Governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

"THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, REMAINS UNCHANGED."

Mr. Hull departed from usual practice at his press conference by issuing a formal statement on the Pact.—Reuter.

STRIKE AVERTED

The United States Steel Corporation averted a strike called by the trade union of the Congress of Industrial Organisation for to-night by granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1, and the new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about $4.—Reuter.

CORDELL HULL DENOUNCES DICTATORS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a formal message on the eve of Pan-American Day, denounced the Dictators' "brutal disregard of morality" and urged the 21 American Republics to rededicate their energies to defence of the common frontiers and the preservation of freedom.

Mr. Hull proclaimed the keystone of inter-American relations was the "sanctity of the pledged word," which binds the Americas together against European aggression." — International News Service.

JAPANESE DISPLAY EXUBERANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Forty Japanese 'planes flew over Shanghai yesterday afternoon to celebrate the signing of the Japanese-Russian Neutrality Pact.—International News Service.

ALIENS TO GET BADGE

Friendly aliens working in Britain are to be given official badges a button for the men and a brooch for the women. The badges design will be a smith forging a sword.

This was announced by the Ministry of Labour, which has set-up a Central Agency to be responsible for making use of the services of these aliens.

There is in Britain a total foreign population of about a quarter of a million.

British Aliens

It is an essential feature in the placing of foreigners in war work here that they shall have the same wages and conditions as British subjects, the Ministry states.

Allied nationals will come under the unemployment and national health insurance systems, and have all the advantages of the social welfare Acts open to the normal citizens of Britain after they have qualified.

A good number will probably be drafted to the Government's training centres.

A special section for women has been set up, and the training centres will shortly be open to them.

Arrangements are being made to open several special exchanges in the London area for certain nationalities, to be run no co-operative lines, with the help of the Allied authorities.

CHINA REPUDIATES SOVIET-JAPANESE DECLARATION

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT formally repudiated the Japanese-Soviet declaration regarding Outer Mongolia and Manchukuo in a statement by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, in Chungking yesterday.

"It is an indisputable fact that the four north-eastern provinces and Outer Mongolia are integral parts of the Republic of China and always will remain Chinese territory.

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagements between third powers which are derogatory to Chinese territorial and administrative integrity."

After a conference of Government leaders a telegram was despatched to Moscow asking definite elucidation of certain points in connection with the Pact.

The Chinese Government wishes to know definitely what is the Soviet policy towards China as a result of the agreement with Japan.

No Surprise

News of the Soviet-Japanese Pact did not come as a surprise in Chungking, since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

The question uppermost in all minds in Chungking is whether the Pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan.

Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connection are anxiously awaited.

The opinion generally is expressed that the Soviet has concluded the Pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war, which is spreading rapidly to her doorsteps.

It is also declared in Chungking that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia.—Reuter.

MASS RAID ON MALTA

A LARGE NUMBER OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT DROPPED MANY BOMBS WHEN FLYING OVER MALTA IN WAVES DURING SUNDAY NIGHT.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made yesterday but no bombs were dropped. — Reuter.

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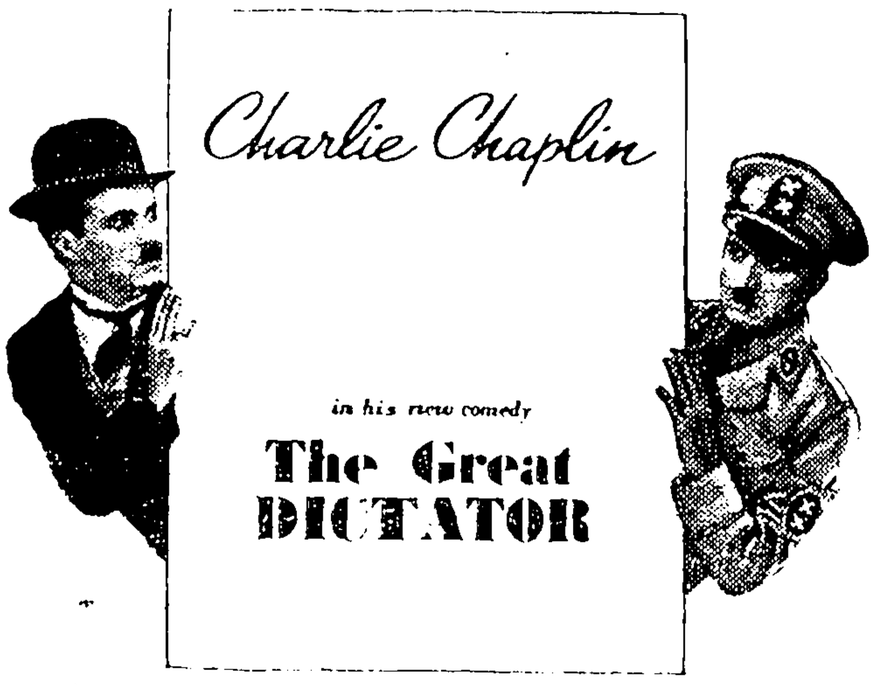

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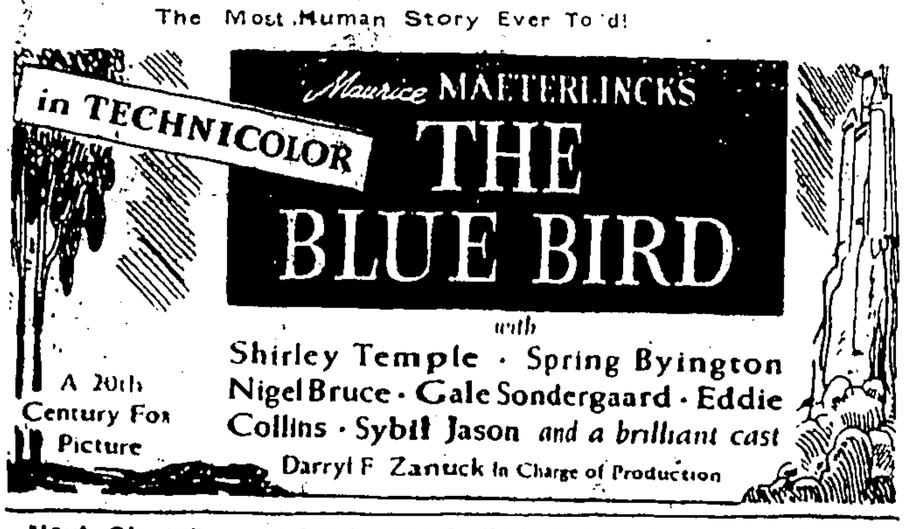

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MUSLIM PLAN FOR INDIA

Muslims would never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one Government at the centre, declared Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting in Madras yesterday.

He advocated "the establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India, with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared Muslims were an independent nationality and any attempt to get them to merge their national political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted

One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule.

The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote goodwill and harmony on a basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity Reuter

TOUGH ON NAVY

Mrs Grundy is at it again spoiling the fun of naval men on a few hours' leave from patrolling the seas.

The Navy's weekly dance at one north-east coast base must end at eleven o'clock by order of the local Licensing Bench. And there must be no drinks after ten o'clock.

Yet in neighbouring districts dances go on until two in the morning.

Until a week or two ago the curfew time at the town's only dance hall was ten o'clock. When a local bus company persuaded the Bench to grant them an extra hour's festivity at a dance, however, the naval renewed their pleas and obtained the same concession.

But they don't think much of it.

Tickets Handed Back

"Personally I have never been able to understand why it is improper or undesirable for us to enjoy ourselves after ten or eleven at night," the base entertainment's officer told a reporter, "but the magistrates apparently think otherwise.

"We arrange about one dance per week but people have been handing back their tickets when they learned the time it finished.

"It is unfair to expect fellows who have been doing dangerous jobs at sea for weeks at a time to stop celebrating at eleven o'clock when they get a day or two ashore or perhaps only a few hours' leave."

There are one or two Scrooges on the Bench besides Mrs. Grundys.

Proceeds of one naval dance — £45 — went to the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for air raid victims.

When next the naval men applied for permission to hold a dance, the magistrates told them: "This time we expect the money to remain in the district."

The magistrates' deputy clerk explained that the Bench were afraid that if they granted late hours for dances, people would get drunk and there would be disturbances.

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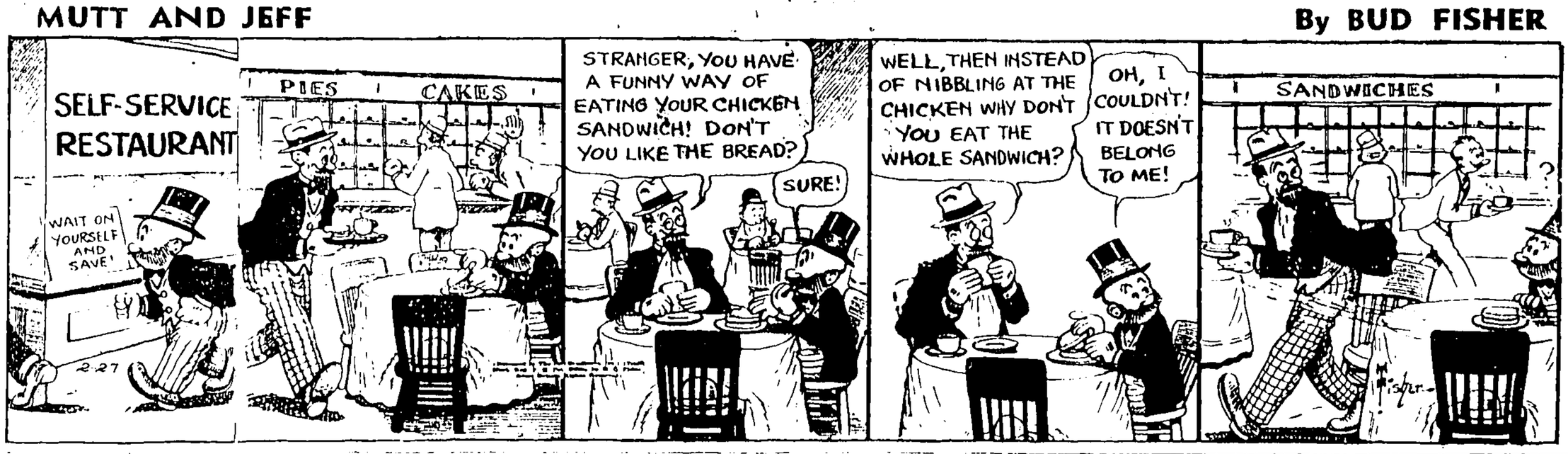


Easter Monday Spent As Normal Bank Holiday

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS no let up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and Servicemen off duty celebrated Easter Bank Holiday in something approaching peacetime style yesterday.

London's West End from an early hour was crowded with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did a tremendous business.

By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting later performances.

Feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia and others on leave from their posts in defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom also were in uniform.

At Nottingham, the Easter Race Meeting attracted a record crowd, and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the stirring victory in the Southern Plate of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, young wife of Britain's premier Duke. Reuter

PASTOR ON CHARGES OF THEFT

A pastor was accused at Liverpool of stealing £63 he had collected to provide a canteen and comforts for soldiers.

Against the Rev. James Fitzgerald Crawford, aged thirty-four, of Broadgreen-road, minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Halls-lane, Liverpool, were five charges of false pretences and theft.

He was accused of having obtained by fraud a cheque for £130 from Alfred Cyril William Thrush and cheques for £20 from Clifford Briggs.

Mr. H. R. Balmer, prosecuting, said the complaint in the first case was a fellow clergyman.

It was alleged that Crawford got the £130 cheque by saying his annual returns to his church were due and he could not forward them unless he could certify he had £200 in his bank.

He was said to have got other cheques by saying he wanted the money to buy food for his canteen "until the grant from the Army and the war charity came through."

Actually, the prosecution alleged, there was no such grant.

Mr. Balmer said Crawford opened the "Broadgreen Canteen and Comforts Fund" for soldiers in June, created a committee, and received £105. The prosecution alleged that he stole £63.

Crawford was remanded on bail.

BOY ACCUSED OF LOOTING TOYS

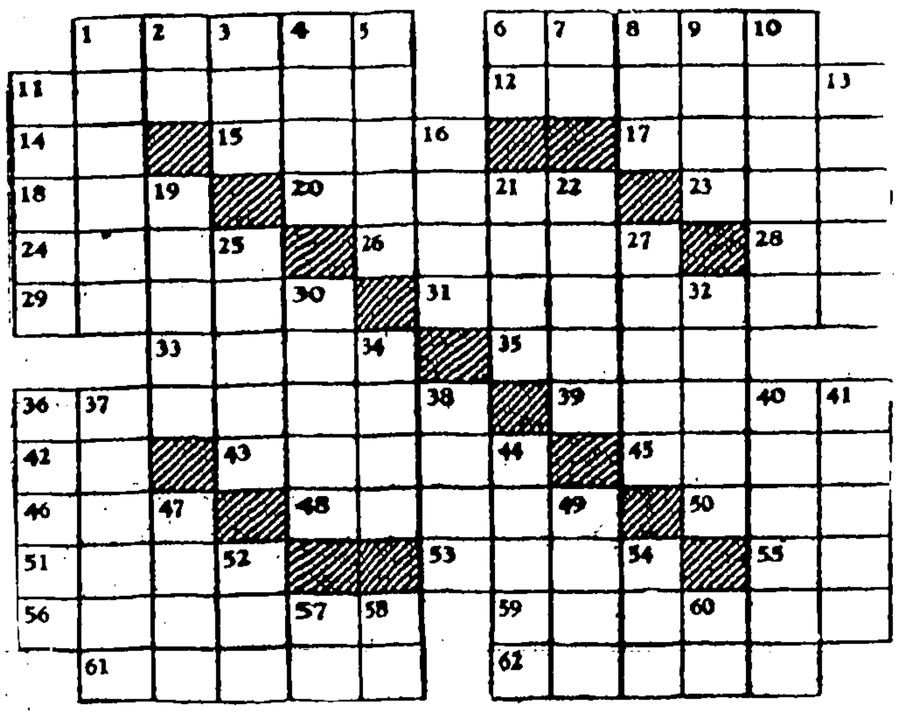
A thirteen-year-old boy who was stated not to have attended school for a year was at East London Juvenile Court accused with two others, aged twelve and ten, one his brother, of stealing toys worth 5s. from a war-damaged warehouse.

An L.C.C. official said that the thirteen-year-old boy was evacuated in September, 1939, but returned home last Christmas. Since then he had not attended school, his father saying that he had kept the boy at home because the mother was ill.

The Chairman (Colonel Henriques) told the father: This is absolutely scandalous. You would not dare make this excuse in peacetime.

The case was adjourned for a week.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Chess piece
6 To accumulate
11 Colloquial: to steal
12 Huge men
14 Babylonian deity
15 European mountains
17 Additional
18 Clamour
20 Vegetable dish
23 Humorist
24 Poetic: enough
26 Prying tool
28 Symbol for sodium
29 To save for future use
31 To reveal
33 Hindu deity
35 Cupola
36 Excuse
39 Book of fiction
42 French article
43 Silkworms
45 Network
46 Philippine island ward division
48 Chinese coin
50 To fall behind
51 Back of the neck
53 Prevaricated
55 Hebrew letter
56 Coronets
59 Neither masculine nor feminine
61 Beast of burden
62 Scandinavian literary works

VERTICAL

1 Unusual
2 You and me
3 Greek letter
4 Cloth measures
5 Asiatic country
6 Symbol for silver
7 Note of scale
8 Dutch weight
9 Frozen water-crystals
10 Cord
11 Interprets
13 Bristles
16 Winter vehicle
19 Slip-knot
21 Eager
22 City in England
25 To compose
27 Unverified report
30 To turn inside out
32 Even
34 Line on which something rotates
36 Shrub
37 To sell in small quantities
38 Appendage
40 Camping places
41 Light and fine
44 River in France
47 Gem
49 To require
52 Period of time
54 Unexploded shell
57 Part of "to be"
58 Symbol for samarium
60 Symbol for tantalum

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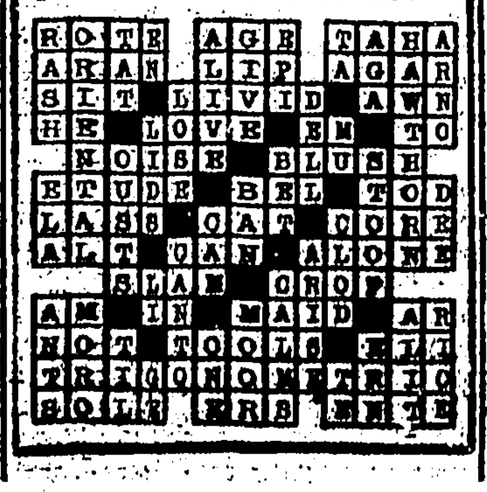

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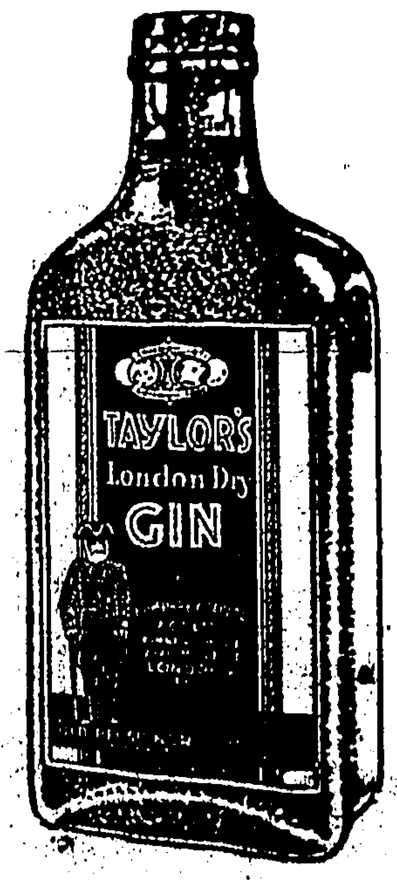

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AXIS STOCK SLUMPS

GERMANS NOT SO POPULAR IN JAPAN

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE Japanese think about Germany? He thinks that his Government thought it expedient, at a time when England appeared to be in greatest danger, to tie up with Germany, and now he has begun to wonder very seriously whether that was wise, writes a special correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald." What does he think about Italy? He doesn't think about Italy at all.

It would be a mistake to describe the Japanese as pro-German, or pro-British; they are merely pro-Japanese. Certainly you find plenty of now generally elderly business men who are pro-British, and plenty of militarists who are pro-Nazis. But they are not representative.

The average Japanese, waiting in the Ginza, and meditating on the quality of sake these days, or, on who is going to win the sumo-wrestling tournament, cares no more about the respective merits and demerits of British and Germans than the average Australian cares about the respective virtues of Senegalese and Annamites. He is alarmed, perhaps, by what he considers American belligerence; he certainly lets it go at that.

Among the minority who makes policies and public opinion, of course, it is a different matter. They are very much alive to the situation. They are beginning to wonder whether they have not been left holding the Axis bag.

At the time when the tripartite alliance was signed, a large number of Japanese firmly believed that Britain was about to collapse and that in cooperation with a friendly Germany Japan could proceed to conquer the world, taking as her share a protectorate over the East Indies. That, India, China and Britain on a start. In the first flush of victory, Nazis were courted and an idea followed to enter Japan in droves. Now there are some there and on one plea and another they wormed their way into Japanese departments.

"Background Workers"

Because Japan was frightened of Communists, and Germany was notoriously anti-Communist, German advisers were allowed in the departments concerned with internal safety. Germany signed her agreement with the Soviet and staggered the Japanese, who are in some respects an ingenuous people. But the advisers remained.

These fifth columnists of Hitler likewise made their way into other departments. They have succeeded in subverting portion of the Press and even getting anti-Jewish drivel published, although the average Japanese would not know a Jew from a jeroboam.

The German Embassy is reported to subsidise one Japanese journal to the extent of 20,000 yen a month — probably in smuggled yen at that, bought at depreciated rates in Shanghai.

German language students are scattered all over the country. In Manchoukuo Germans ride about the country lording it over the inhabitants. Being unable to get their propaganda material out of Germany, they have made Japan the base for the printing of vast quantities of German publicity which is being dumped in the South American countries. At the same time they are stirring up anti-American sentiment.

They are background workers. Their social behaviour is impeccable. There are no frictions in Tokyo's extraordinarily cosmopolitan foreign community. The Imperial Hotel in Tokyo to-day is filled with a larger proportion of the world's diplomats, official and backstairs, spies and counter-spies, log-rollers, and lobbyists, than has probably gathered together since the great days of espionage in Switzerland in the last war.

Here you may find Germans and Americans, Vichy Frenchmen, and de Gaulle Frenchmen, Italians, Poles, Thailanders, Chinese, Indians, South Americans, Dutchmen, Scandinavians, people who have escaped from Finland, over the Siberian railway, refugees from Hitler, all sorts and conditions of people from every corner of the world.

Realities Of The Situation

The explanation is that the Japanese German-Italian tie-up was interpreted as expediency, and that Japan has no more intention of swallowing Nazi "ideology" than it has of conferring upon Chiang Kai-shek the Order of the Chrysanthemum.

But the extent of the German drive for Japanese support is not to be minimised. The Nazis have made "cultural" penetration a fine art, and, indeed, have left other nations standing. No less a personage than Richard Strauss composed special music for the 2600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire, you can buy the records in Tokyo to-day. There are finely produced German magazines for sale at low prices, printed in English of course, for Axis and non-Axis alike must speak it in Japan.

It is curious to hear someone saying in perfect English to a Japanese, "Well, did you hear the good news about the fleet?" and to realise that he is a German, and that it is to German claims that he is referring.

In spite of all this, the Japanese are faced by very thought-provoking realities. The China War does not show the slightest sign of conclusion; the United States has adopted what is construed to be a threatening attitude; and the Soviet Government is quietly squeezing the Japanese in the north, exacting a concession here, a concession there. Japan has acquired two allies, one of whom is useless, in any case, and the other unable to render any practical assistance. And she has around her in a far from friendly condition three of the largest and two of the most powerful countries in the world—China, Soviet Russia, and the United States.

TELEVISION IN COLOUR

Mr. J. L. Baird, pioneer of television, has succeeded in transmitting pictures in colour by television.

Undeterred because the war has stopped television broadcasts, he has carried on with his experiments, believing that television will become one of the world's great entertainments.

He demonstrated his new process at his Sydenham home.

On a receiving screen, 2ft. by 2½ft. claimed to be the largest in the world, Mr. Baird showed colour pictures transmitted from an adjoining studio.

Cartoons and fashion plates appear in their natural colours.

Most striking of all was the transmission made by a young girl model with red hair. Hitherto, redheads had been rejected for television for technical reasons.

The set demonstrated by Mr. Baird would cost £200. It includes ordinary and colour television, a radiogram and an all-wave wireless receiver.

A television set, both for ordinary and colour, with a screen five inches by four, would cost £30.

TYPHUS OUTBREAK IN SPAIN

Spanish government authorities have imposed rigid sanitation measures in an effort to stem an epidemic of typhus. At least 200 cases of the disease have been reported. Of the total, 40 were fatal. Typhus is a contagious fever marked by a peculiar rash, with delirium followed by stupor. Associated Press.

GERMAN INVASION REHEARSAL

A full-dress rehearsal for an invasion of Britain was recently carried out by the German Army in cooperation with the Reich Navy and Air Fleet on the Island of Rugen, in the Baltic, in the presence of Field Marshals Walther von Reichenau and Gunther von Kluge, according to a report from the Berlin correspondent of the pro-German Stockholm paper "Aftonbladet."

"The tactical task of the participating units was an attack from the sea on the cliffs of Rugen and a consequent landing, with as little loss as possible, of a large number of troops," writes the correspondent, who adds that "the Rugen cliffs are remarkably like those of England on the Channel coast."

Observers in Stockholm, while admitting the manoeuvres might have taken place are inclined to believe the dispatch from the correspondent, who is known to be a mouthpiece of the Wilhelstrasse, might well be also a new German contribution to the war of nerves, aimed especially to impress Sweden and other more-or-less neutrals such as Turkey.

Berlin military circles assert that the Rugen manoeuvres permitted many interesting observations.

STORY OF U.S. CHAIN GANG

WHEN A 15-YEAR-OLD NEGRO BOY WAS BROUGHT BEFORE NEW YORK MAGISTRATES WITH A REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION TO GEORGIA AS A FUGITIVE, HE ALLEGED THAT THE CRUELLEST PUNISHMENTS OF THE GEORGIA CHAIN GANGS STILL EXISTED.

The boy, Jay Gould Cotton, had been sentenced to ten years for stealing 50 dollars.

He alleged he had seen men beaten for minor infractions and locked in the dreaded "sweat-box" when the offences were serious. Cotton said he escaped because the labour was so severe.

The magistrate remanded the boy and appointed to negro attorney to represent him.

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THE FAITH OF LORD HALIFAX

The address of Lord Halifax to the Pilgrims the other day was neither easy platitude nor shrill cry of a wounded lion for help, but rather the confession of a faith that has passed through fire and been refined.

The new British Ambassador who trusted in Munich and found himself betrayed, was a resident of London during the disillusionment of Norway, the anxiety of Dunkirk and the aerial bombings until January, and when he spoke of his sadness in saying farewell to his home in England "at such times as these" he was remembering a home under deadly attack.

But out of frightfulness and shock he emerged to speak in calm tones concerning the responsibilities of victory and the genuine cooperative search for peace and prosperity.

It was a realistic speech. Lord Halifax was quite aware that a new world was being born from the present suffering and that "the upheaval now convulsing the nations will not leave things as they were."

It was also a proud speech—the British Commonwealth, "which by the quality of its resolution is the bastion of world defence to-day!"

But it was essentially a view of the future and a pledge to mankind—offered to questioning Americans and Nazi-enslaved Germans and to "all men and all nations of good will" everywhere. The Ambassador faced the war with the blunt practicality of a Churchill and the humane liberalism of a Roosevelt, the two linked together.

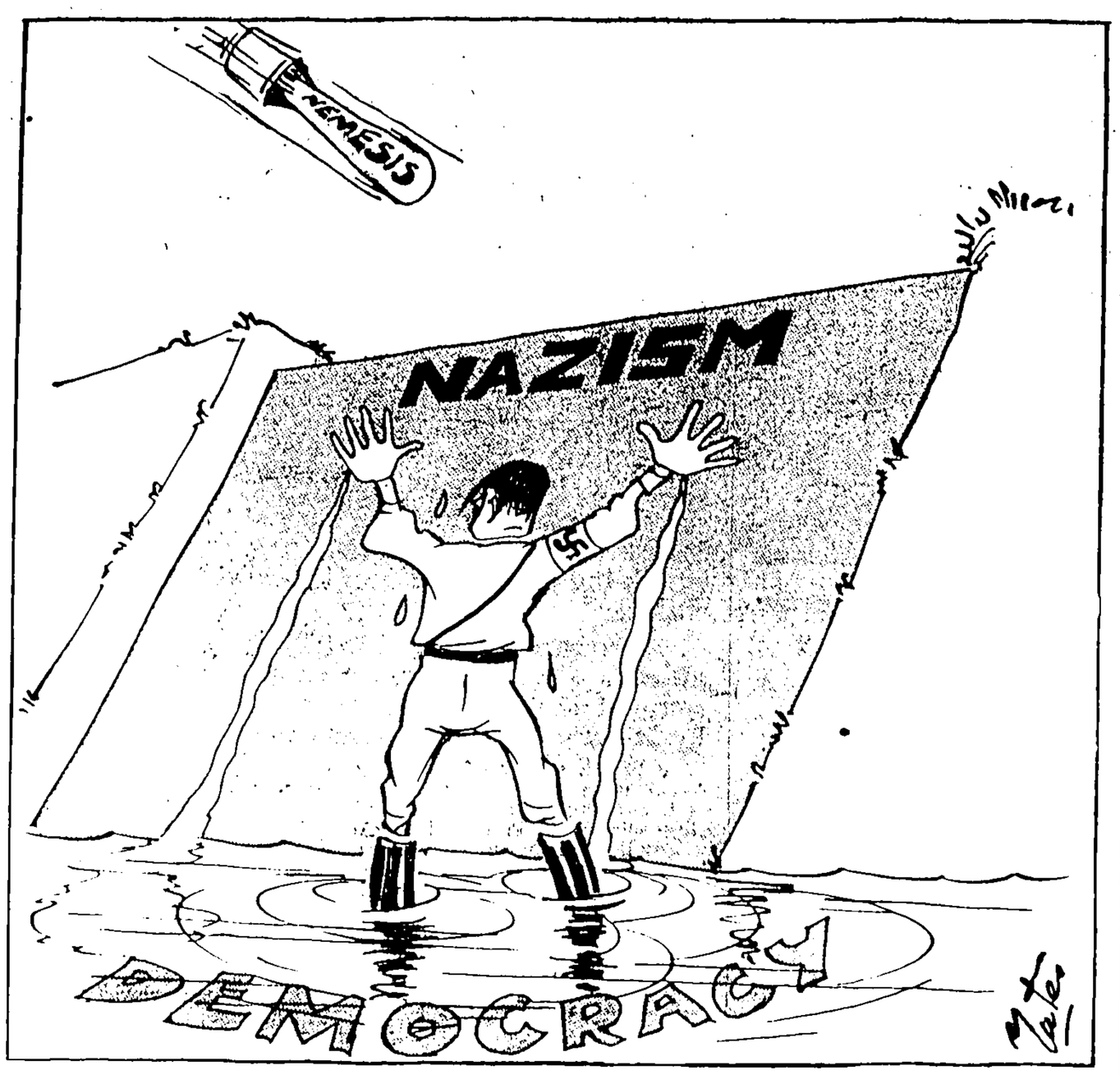
"This, then, is why we are at war," he said, "—to save our freedom from being murdered, as it has been successively murdered . . ." in the long roll-call of European victims. His principal war aim was "to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom.

"But even the achievement of victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we can also achieve that which must be the greatest peace aim, of securing the world, so far as it is within human power to do so, against a repetition of this tragedy."

He was sure that the fighters for freedom would win this victory. He held "a conviction that is unshakeable that the British people will not be unworthy of the cause by which they stand."

Lord Halifax in his analysis of war aims offered no blueprint or rigid mould. He disregarded any such line-upon-line speculations. But he offered a programme the appeal of which cannot be lost upon sincere and courageous peoples anywhere in the globe. His enumeration of principles and fundamental rights rang true. His pledges to work for a world of co-operation, mutual consideration, generous exchange and the remedying of impoverishment will evoke aspirations.

The faith which Lord Halifax set forth in this first speech of his as Ambassador contained no echo of Tory England, but represented a force which all must recognise as the voice of a renewed England, exalted by sacrifice.



SURGING FLOOD WATERS

The New U-Boat Campaign

By Robert P. Post

As the campaign of the Atlantic develops so there develops with it the old question of the U-boats—those lurking undersea weapons which are still the Germans' chief naval weapon.

In comparing the British and German fleets it must always be remembered that the two nations started this war on an entirely different basis from that in 1914. Then Kaiser Wilhelm II had become imbued with Admiral Mahan's ideas of sea power and had built up a fleet that, while inferior to the Royal Navy in power, was nevertheless capable of taking on the full weight of the British Home Fleet.

Hitler had an entirely different idea. The big battleships are luxuries that only big nations can afford. The modern German Navy is not designed for the traditional form of fleet action. It is designed to cover swift blows by troops, such as those on Norway.

Difficult To Catch

It is designed to prey on commerce with raiders. It is dangerous and annoying and infinitely difficult to hunt down.

It is designed to cooperate with the Luftwaffe. Finally it is designed by means of submarines and yet more submarines to prey on British commerce.

Any analysis of the U-boat fleet is dangerous, since it must inevitably involve the most flagrant kind of guessing. First, German submarines are being sunk at an undetermined and unannounced rate; three were sunk recently in a very short space of time. Second, it is impossible to tell, even if one saw every signal the Admiralty received, just how many submarines are actually sunk.

Very often a submarine has been heavily attacked and bubbles of oil appeared, but the submarine returned safely to port. The Germans have been known to shoot out debris and even clothing from a torpedo tube while lying safely on the bottom. There is even one case in the World War when a British Q-ship blew off the conning tower and captured the captain of a U-boat and she still returned to her base.

Third, there is no way here of knowing how many Nazi submarines have been built or are building.

Effect Of R.A.F. Raids

British air raids may have interfered somewhat with their building, but there is no information definite enough to enable any one to make a really accurate deduction on the present shape of the German undersea fleet.

Submarine warfare has certainly been improved since the last war. Engines are better, listening devices have progressed from a rudimentary phase to a high scientific level.

Improvements in construction have resulted in submarines that can withstand harder attacks than could their predecessors. Periscopes are more elaborate and the whole technique of the submarine's attack has probably been improved. Whether there has been any radical change in U-boat design, anything more than refinements, remains to be seen.

There is a report that the Germans have brought out a small short-range U-boat that can be shipped overland easily. For that matter so can the bigger ones, at least in pieces. This small submarine is supposed to be manned by a crew of five men or fewer. Its short range is not so very important when it is considered how close the new German bases are to Britain's vital sea lanes.

The biggest improvements probably have been in the speed and methods of construction. It would appear the German submarines can now be turned out in shorter time than previously.

But Britain has never been particularly worried over this factor. The important things are not the ships but the crews. It takes five years to make a good submarine sailor, seven years to make a commander and months to make a good submarine team. Therefore, it is the loss of men that is regarded as most important when a U-boat is sunk.

Secret Listening Device

On balance, it may be possibly said that actual technical progress against the submarine has gone further than that of the U-boat since the last war. The greatest single advance has been in the secret but simple listening device with which all British hunters are now equipped.

So good is this system that, where in the World War it took perhaps fifteen ships two or three days to clear a suspected area of submarines, to-day three or four ships can do the job in a few hours.

Navy men also have their new type of submarine hunter. These corvettes are designed on the model of the chasers used in whaling. They are fast, but above all are manoeuvrable—can turn "on a dime and have 5 cents left over." They have already proved their worth as escorts; and planes are also proving of great use.

But all the new devices in the world would not be a good substitute for the most important thing—ships and more ships. Not only ships to hunt the submarines, but ships to replace the ones they sink. The real answer to the submarine menace lies far behind the lines of actual battle.

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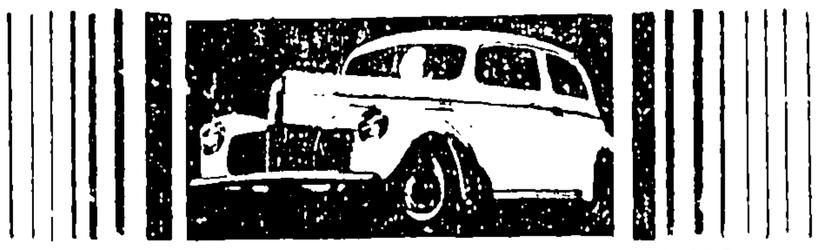

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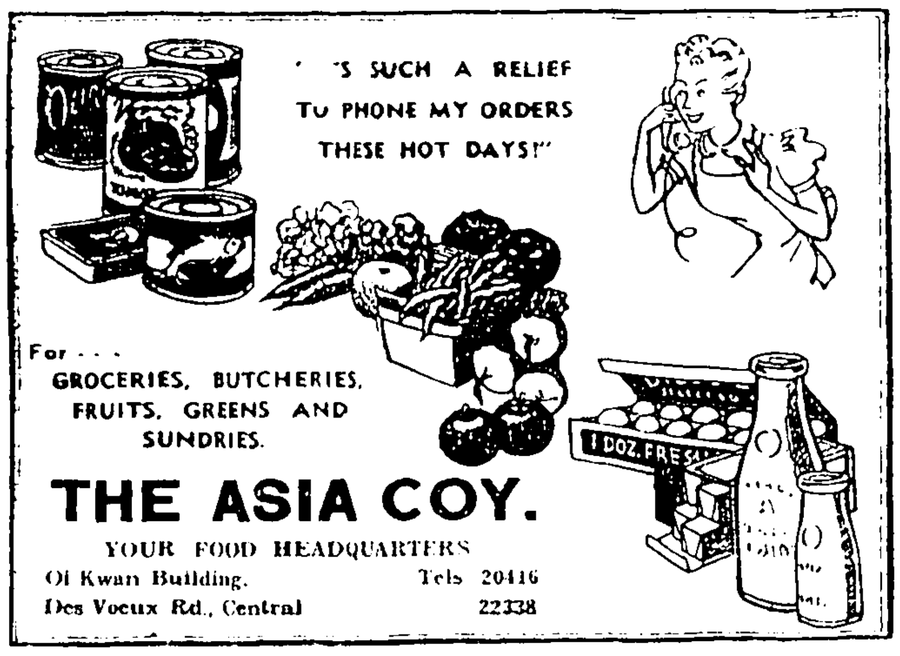

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ANGLO-GERMAN ECONOMIC BATTLE

TRADE AGENTS' WAR FOR GOODS IN EAST

A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE OF WITS AND WILES AND DOLLARS IS BEING WAGED BY BRITISH AND GERMAN TRADE AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE FAR EAST.

This contest is one phase of the economic war between Great Britain and Germany, a fight in which the effectiveness of the British blockade is at stake.

German agents, aided by their Japanese Axis allies, are engaged in tapping world markets for some of the important economic materials needed by Hitler's blockaded armies and industries.

The British government's job is to keep these materials from falling into German hands and then being shipped to Europe through the Far Eastern leak in the British blockade, at Vladivostok. The United States, cooperating with Britain, has already taken action to prevent any of the products vital to its defence programme from reaching Germany.

Order Through Japanese

One recent example of successful German circumvention of British vigilance was the purchase of 600 tons of south Brazil cotton. The order was placed by a Japanese firm through an Italian broker in New York, who purchased the cotton in Santos, Brazil. A Japanese vessel carried it to Japan, where it was transhipped to Shanghai and then reshipped by Soviet freighter to Vladivostok, the eastern terminus of the trans-Siberian railway.

The German agents work openly in Japan, and through secret connections in cities throughout the Far East, including Manila, Tientsin, Peking, Saigon and Haiphong.

A Haiphong firm recently attempted to purchase 30,000 bales of United States cotton from American and British dealers. An American firm accepted part of the order and shipped 9,950 bale early in March. Subsequently, British officials became suspicious that the cotton was destined for Germany, and the American government refused to release frozen Indo-China credits for further purchases.

British Foil Shipment

British espionage frequently short-circuits German plans. Recently a British economic agent in Shanghai overheard a conversation between a Japanese businessman and a Nazi official.

A few hours later, British destroyers nosed up to a Japanese freighter anchored at Durban, in South Africa. From the hold stevedores unloaded a number of linting machines—used in preparing gun cotton. The machines were under consignment to a Japanese firm in Shanghai, but the British agent had learned they were actually en route to Germany.

To aid them in keeping goods flowing to their homeland, German commercial representatives in Shanghai were reported to have been furnished $10,000,000 in American banknotes since the first of this year. The money was understood to have been confiscated in Belgium, Holland and other occupied countries.

German-purchased supplies are forwarded from the Far East by the trans-Siberian railway, which is choked far beyond capacity with Europe-bound freight.

Trains Go West Daily

There are now two cargo trains daily to the west on the trans-Siberian line, each heavily laden with goods which foreign trade experts believe are helping Germany defy the British blockade.

One train starts the 5,211-mile haul at Vladivostok, Siberian terminus of the railway. It carries 1,800 to 2,000 tons of cargo daily, in 75 to 100 small cars of 20 tons each.

The other train starts from Manchouli, the junction of the Japanese-owned South Manchuria Railway and the southern spur of the trans-Siberian line. Running in three sections, it carries 1,500 tons of cargo a day. The SMR hauls much of this freight from the ports of Dairen and Fusan to Manchouli.

Thus the total shipments by the trans-Siberian- if as experts believe, they nearly all reach Germany equal the amount that would be carried by one freighter slipping through the British blockade each day. While relatively small, the shipments are considered important to Germany. China's southwestern lifeline, the Burma road, carries only one-tenth of the trans-Siberian traffic on its record days.

Ship Lines Profit

Soviet shipping lines, engaged in feeding the railway, are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Five Soviet freighters are now being refitted in Shanghai, the first Russian ships to visit here in four years. One of them is being equipped as a refrigerator vessel, for the reported purpose of carrying frozen eggs from Shanghai to Vladivostok, for reshipment to Germany.

Japanese shippers are also profiting, and the hitherto little known and little used ports of western Japan are crowded with cargoes bound for Vladivostok and Dairen. Many Japanese vessels formerly operating on European runs are now plying the sea of Japan to the Asiatic mainland.

Until recently American goods, and especially certain metals, were an important part of this trans-Siberian trade and many American products were also reaching Japan through Shanghai.

These leaks have been effectively plugged by enforcement of what amounts to a blanket embargo preventing shipment to Shanghai of nearly all articles on the American export licence list.—Associated Press.

TICKLING THE TROOPS

Soldiers, issued with long combination-style woollen pants, are cutting the legs off because they don't like 'em and in some camps are being fined 3s. 6d as a punishment.

Pant parade has become the order of the week.

Why do "drawers-woollen" that's the official title annoy the troops?

"They tickle," said one soldier.

Another declared they hurt his pride and made him look silly. "Why, I'm shy to let my wife see me in them," he said.

Others said long pants were uncomfortable, made the back of their legs sore and restricted movement.

Military office staff complained they are too hot to wear indoors.

A War Office official said the pants are valued at 7s. 6d. a pair.

"Drawers-cellular, summer wear issue, are short," he added. "Drawers-woollen are always long."

A soldier explained that they could not wear the summer ones in winter; they were too cold. So they cut the legs off the woollens.

"This pays in the end," he said. "After all, you can't buy a new pair of short woollen pants for 3s. 6d."

BLACK RECORD OF NAZI CRUELTY

THERE IS NO RESPITE in the German terrorism practised in Poland. Every day brings new examples of inhuman cruelties and shootings on the slightest pretext.

For instance, in the village of Szczuczki, near Lublin, the German police found recently some rounds of ammunition hidden in a garden. Immediately the whole village was surrounded by the Germans and 200 peasants shut in a granary, which was set on fire. People who tried to escape from the blazing building were shot down.

All the inhabitants of the village of Konopica, also near Lublin, were executed; in the village of Radowiec, where a German had been killed by a bandit, eighty men were shot.

Helpers Shot

Count Alvensleben conducted a "punitive" expedition to the village of Jozefow Maly. When the lorries with his men stuck in the mud, the Germans asked peasants from a nearby village to help them and then shot eleven men who did so. In eight villages where Alvensleber's expedition "worked" 260 people were shot, among them seven boys only eleven years old.

A Polish worker has been sentenced to death "for desertion from his work in Germany.' Another, aged seventeen, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment "for using insulting words about the Fuehrer," and still another, aged nineteen, received a similar sentence because "he described the political and economic situation of the Reich as unfavourable."

In the district of Zywiec, near Cracow, the Archduke Stephen of Habsburg had his estates and breweries, the prosperity of which remained unimpaired during the Polish rule.

Population Ejected

Now it is reported that villages and hamlets in the district were recently surrounded by detachments of the S.S., families ejected from their houses and farms searched and then herded near the railway stations. Money, watches and even wedding rings were confiscated and many peasants who resisted were beaten and kicked by the Black Guards. The farms of the peasants have been "taken over" by the German colonists from Volhynia.

When news of the German action spread in the district, peasants from the villages still unaffected started to kill cows and horses and set fire to their houses. Every morning on the doors of the local police stations hens and chickens hung with a note. "They preferred to hang themselves rather than to be stolen by the Germans." The ejected population behaved heroically. When columns of peasant families passed through villages on their way to the railway stations they sang patriotic songs.

A Pomeranian group-leader of the S.S. has explained in an interview in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" that "the fight for the extermination of the Polish population in the Eastern areas of Europe has only begun. The noble tradition of the Teutonic Knights is a living reality again. All Germans working now in Poland are the Teutonic Knights of the twentieth century."

It should be recalled that the ancient Teutonic Knights, who under the cover of converting the heathens to Christendom conducted in the Middle Ages in East Prussia, Pomerania and Lithuania the most ruthless extermination policy, were noted for their cruelty. The German youth organisation has for years shown a preference for the traditions of the Teutonic Knights.

WAITER STABS GOERING IN CAFE ---AMERICAN REPORT

AN ATTEMPT to assassinate Goering in a famous Paris restaurant has been hushed up by the German authorities of occupation there.

The Frenchman who tried to stab him was shot within an hour of the attempt, but a threat uttered by the man as he was led away has caused Goering to flee from Paris, where for many weeks he strutted and drove about as a truculent conqueror.

John Vanderbilt, an American correspondent in Berlin of a big American radio-network, now in Britain, tells the story.

Vanderbilt having obtained first information from reliable sources, asked Baron von Stumm, the Nazi Government spokesman at a Press conference.

"Is it true that an attempt has been made on the life of Field-Marshal Goering? Is it true that a Paris waiter has been shot without trial as a result?"

Vanderbilt says Von Stumm choked with rage and of course, denied it."

The facts are Goering's custom was to wine and dine at Maxime's, the celebrated Parisian restaurant, with ostentatious ceremonial.

One Waiter Overlooked

Every waiter in the restaurant was hand-picked so, so it was thought.

One had been overlooked the coffee waiter.

One night, as he laid the coffee pot before the Marshal with one hand he struck a dagger at his back with the other.

He did not know that Goering wore a metal-lined waistcoat. It deflected the blow, which merely scratched the German's shoulder.

The waiter was pounced on by Goering's guard. Within an hour he was executed.

GANGSTER MINDED THE BABY

"Benny the Boss," one of the most feared gangsters in the United States, was murdered in a New York flat while minding a four-months-old baby.

Baby Paulette slept peacefully in her crib while "Benny" fought for his life in an adjoining room until bullets from the killers' guns riddled his body.

Police found the living-room furniture smashed and "Benny's" body in the lounge, separated by only a thin wall from the sleeping child. In his hand he still clutched the baby's rattle.

Ruthless Killer

He had posed as an accountant to the child's parents, a Mr. and Mrs. Heither, who left him to mind their baby while they were out for the evening.

They were horrified to find that they had left her with a notorious criminal whose identity was not suspected until police examined his finger-prints.

It was then revealed that he was Benjamin Tannenbaum, who jumped bail for £2,000 in June 1939.

He had been described as the most ruthless of killers, with not a spark of humanity in his ugly body.

Humble Accountant

Mr. Max Heither said that he and his wife had known Tannenbaum as a humble accountant. "We met him during a vacation two years ago," he said. "He helped me with my accounts and minded our apartment when we were away.

"When the baby came he said he liked the child and would be glad to mind it any time we wanted to go out."

Police say Benny was murdered by members of the "Murder Incorporated" organisation because he knew too much.

A "GANG TYPE" PERIL

—Says Govt.

"A violent and dangerous criminal of the gangster type, liable to lead internal insurrection against this country."

That was how the authorities described Harry Sabini, said to be of "Italian origin and associations," after they had arrested him under the Defence Regulations last June.

He has been detained since. Now a King's Bench Divisional Court has refused to set him free. His application for a writ of habeas corpus was refused.

Sabini declared he had been detained without any charge being made against him. The original order simply described him as of "hostile origin."

Perjury

Detectives said he was known on race courses as Harry Handley. One recalled an affray at A—cot in which Sabini and one of his three brothers was involved.

Sabini denied that he had any knowledge of Harry Handley.

Later Mr. Justice Humphreys said Sabini's statement was deliberate perjury intended to deceive the Court.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for Sabini, said he was a British subject by birth, having been born at Clerkenwell in 1900. His father, an Italian subject, died in 1902.

His mother was British-born. He had lived his whole life in England and had never been to Italy or Germany. He could not speak either language and his three brothers fought for Britain in the last war, while he, being too young for military service, worked on munitions.

"True Englishman"

Sabini's affidavit added that he was a true Englishman and entirely loyal.

He admitted that he had been a bookmaker's agent and professional backer, and in 1921 was bound over for threatening a man.

In an Italian club in Clerkenwell in 1924 he was shot at by an Italian but got the blame for it himself, he added.

Mr Slade submitted that race course fights, brawls, obstruction and drunkenness of the worst kind could not show hostile associations.

MEXICAN BEAUTY A "MARTYR"

After a pretty woman, Mexicans most love a martyr. Next best is a hero. For a dozen years comely, dark-eyed Concepcion Aceveda de la Llata, Madre Conchita (a Capuchin nun), has been all three.

Twelve years ago Madre Conchita was arrested, charged with exerting occult influence over the assassin who shot down Catholic-hounding President-elect General Don Alvaro Obregon. Sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment in the grim penal colony on the Tres Marias Islands, with gentle, biblical good spirits she went to work as nurse, teacher, and confidante. Her fame spread throughout her country, and she became a kind of Mexican Tom Mooney.

Two years ago she was transferred to the Federal Prison in Mexico City. Belonging to an order of nuns whose vows are not perpetual, she married another prisoner who had been sentenced for a previous attempt on Obregon. A priest, Father Jose Jimenez, also serving a term for complicity in the Obregon murder, performed the ceremony.

Vindicated

Fortnight ago, the pressure of popular opinion and hard work of her previously released husband induced new President General Manuel Avila Camacho, who wants to be friends with the Church, to commute her term.

As her fellow prisoners waved tearful farewells and the Mexican Press broke into congratulatory headlines, Senora Castro Balda walked out through the prison gates, a vindicated martyr, at forty-nine more bloomingly plump than ever.

MERLE OBERON'S ESCAPE

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Dennis Morgan, who was showered by broken glass, pulled Miss Oberon out of the way as the taxicab over-turned.

A stunt man Yakima Canutt, was driving the cab. The script called for him to skid a corner on two wheels, close to Merle Oberon. But the cab overturned several times.

KING MICHAEL DENIED LOVE

QUEEN HELEN of Rumania is opposing the romance of her son King Michael, boy ruler of the Nazi-ridden country, with Mlle. Malaxa, daughter of Bucharest's former armaments chief.

The Queen wants Michael to choose a bride from a German or Italian ducal house.

Three times has the boy King tried to send a courier to his father, ex-King Carol, in Spain, for advice, and on each occasion the message has been prevented from leaving the country by Iron Guards.

When the young King asked for an explanation from General Antonescu, Rumania's dictator, he was politely told to communicate with Carol would be regarded as a move against the Iron Guard.

Mlle. Malaxa's father was arrested soon after the resignation of Carol, but is understood to have escaped abroad.

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24th March, 1941.

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The Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators and others to sell by Public Auction on

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By The Four Aces

"This is a funny one," writes a Hardford, Conn., fan. "Like a pair of idiots, my partner and I missed a cold game in spades. But if we had bid it, the opponents would have gone to five hearts and made it! So we actually benefited by being too conservative!

East, Dealer
North South vulnerable

North: ♠ A Q 7 2 ♡ Q ◇ K Q 8 4 ♣ K J 8 3
West: ♠ K 10 9 8 ♡ 7 6 3 ◇ 10 9 6 3 ♣ A 7
East: ♠ 8 6 3 ♡ A 4 ◇ A J 5 ♣ 10 9 5 4 2
South: ♠ K J 10 9 5 4 ♡ J 5 2 ◇ 7 2 ♣ Q 6

The bidding

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3♡	Dbl.
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass

"We're satisfied enough with what actually happened, but can't help wondering how we'd feel if the opponents were unable to do much at five hearts. Then we'd have missed a game with nothing to compensate us for the loss. How should we have bid it?"

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
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We think that South should jump to four spades over North's double of three hearts. South would be compelled to bid three spades with a pretty poor hand (although he could pass if the hand were poor enough and contained no long or short suits). And if South had such a poor hand, North would be doing the right thing to leave it at three spades since even that contract might be a little dangerous.

But since South has a rather good hand (good, that is, opposite a partner who can afford to ask for a takeout at the level of three or four), he should express his values by bidding four rather than only three spades. That is the type of bid which takes a partner "off the spot."

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♡ 7 2
◇ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Meier
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3◇	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner's bid shows game hopes but denies support for spades. Since you have two stoppers in the unbid suit, together with slight extra values not shown by your opening bid, you can afford to suggest game at no-trump.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 40% for four diamonds, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 690

To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Meier
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3◇	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♡	Pass
(?)			
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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CHILD DYING, PIONEER LEFT

Pathetic stories were told when several Pioneers were court-martialled in London for being absent without leave

Of Private Frank Sellars, who denied deserting H.M. Forces, his own officer, Captain Robinson, who defended him, said he had to refuse the man leave, but Sellars went home to see his sick child, who had since died.

"Sellars," said Captain Robinson, "thought so much of his kiddie that it has affected his mental balance, and he has been wandering round not knowing where he was."

Pioneer Colin Stead was said to have had no leave since going to France in December, 1939. He twice absented himself to see his child who was seriously ill with pneumonia, but had since recovered

For Private Robert Ord it was pleaded that the horrors which he experienced in the last war, when he received shell shock, were revived last November when a bomb fell near him while he was on leave in Newcastle

He lost his steel helmet and railway voucher, wandered about not knowing what he was doing, and was arrested by the civil police at Luton while returning to his company.

Decision in all cases will be promulgated.

PLANS DO FOR WAR CAPTIVES

After raising nearly a quarter of a million for its war weapons week which aimed at £100,000 Farnham, Surrey, has another cause.

It has a big proportion of prisoners of war in Germany—nearly 200 and Tom Baker, a greengrocer in the town, means to give them a "big do" when they come home

He is making himself personally responsible for collecting at least £100 for this. "Anything over that, of course, will be welcome," Tom told a reporter. "The more money, the bigger the do."

Already he has collected £14 11s.

Mrs. Farrow, of Union-street, gave the fund a good kick-off with £2 in thankfulness for her son's escape from Dunkirk.

Tom explained that the Farnham men belonged to a Surrey battalion which was surrounded by the enemy without much chance of escaping.

CHURCHILL —IN DOGENS!

After working as a tool maker at an aircraft factory during the night, a young man comes home and by day turns out plaster casts of Mr. Churchill.

He has already made—and sold—dozens of them. One of the first went to Mrs. Churchill, who wrote praising his workmanship and the life-like features.

John Douglas, of Golders Green, N.W., had been a waiter, a carpenter, a bricklayer and a steeplejack before he took up sculpture.

His Mr Churchill has the famous grin, the walking-stick, the cigar, and the celebrated hat

"The trouble is I can't turn them out fast enough," he told a reporter.

"I've sent a small batch to a London stores and am sure of selling them by the hundred—but I can turn out only about twenty-five a week. Each is hand-cast and coloured

"I started work as a waiter at a West End hotel. My father, who is director of a family concern owning hotels and restaurants, wanted me to learn the business. I became manager of a seaside hotel.

Sudden Urge

"Then I spent a year as a bricklayer and another as carpenter

"It was while watching a film that I had a sudden urge to try my hand at sculpture. I started in earnest and after a while managed to make a bare living by making and selling masks."

Douglas tried to join the R.A.F., but they couldn't take him, so he went to work in an aircraft factory

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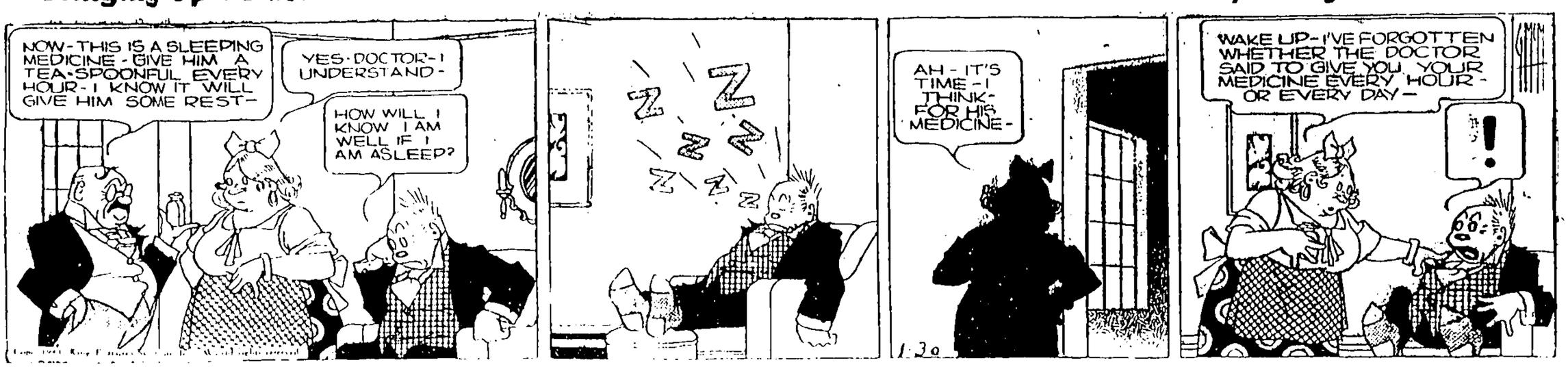

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Correct Powder Shade

Month after month, long long hours on end, spent in the sun only to have the sun fade the lovely tan you have worked with the vogue for healthy, glowing face. The minute Spring, beauty problem rears its head, a fresh powder shade is properly warranted. Time than ever you have been in sun.

If you are blonde and have been in the habit of matching your tan with a light natural powder, try either a rose cream or a very sunlight shade and see how your skin takes on life and beauty. Rose creams have a warm pink undertone lovely with blond hair and blue eyes. The sunlight shade (as you might guess) has a rich glow in it make you into a sun maiden instantly! Both of these shades may also be used by brunettes with ivory skin who like to contrast pale skin with dark eyes and hair.

The olive skinned brunettes, however, will find these shades too light to warm their skins with an outdoor glow. For them powder of reddish tone a rose dawn or brunette. Very dark brunettes need still deeper shades and [illegible]

[illegible] powdering with new [illegible] carefully [illegible] free of all make-up and [illegible] you are [illegible] in the sunlight. Your [illegible] pink flesh with pink and [illegible] tones alone. They may [illegible] green, or blue, or [illegible] purple, to get that translucent texture which is so difficult to describe but so desired by all women.

Really good powders are mixed with these shades too, so they may actually blend with your current skin tone. You must select a powder shade which will very slightly exaggerate the colours you see in your skin as you stand in the sunlight, mirror in hand.

You may slip the first choice you make, for colours are tricky business, even for experts, but try until you hit the perfect shade which warms up your skin.

Thus bringing the sun indoors with powder is the best way possible to freshen up a winter-weary skin, and as spring blossoms into summer, and you actually do get kissed by the good sun's rays, you simply keep deepening your powder to the proper shade.

Turn on the sun! Wake up your face with new complexion tones in powder. Don't let your face look winter weary!

WAR BRINGS BRITAIN MORE BABIES

IN THE EARLY PART of 1940 more than 6,500 babies a week were born in England and Wales, and it is believed that this figure was more than doubled in the later weeks of the year.

The Registrar-General's annual report, just issued, indicates that 1940 will show a high level both for births and marriages.

More people than ever got married in 1939. The number of marriages was 437,406 — a record.

There were 75,638 more weddings than in 1938.

The figures show, as they did in the last war, that as life becomes more hazardous, more people marry, more babies are born, and the proportion of boy babies to girls rises.

Sugar For Girls

Why are more boys born in wartime than in peace?

Many believe it is Nature's way of making good the wastage of war.

One explanation is that as most war marriages are between young women and men in the Services, who are more physically fit than in peace-time, there is a tendency for the stronger partner to reproduce his own sex.

Another theory, based partly on figures of the last war, is that a shortage of foods containing sugar encourages the birth of boys. In countries where food conditions were bad in 1914-18 considerably more boys than girls were born.

Expert Aid Available

Factors which influence the increase in births include bigger allowances for the dependants of men in the Forces and the larger number of welfare centres. Women know that wherever they are they are within reach of a maternity centre where expert help and advice are available.

Live births in 1939 totalled 621,204 and the birth rate was 15.1 per thousand of the population—0.2 higher than in 1937, 0.3 higher than in 1936 and 0.7 higher than in 1933.

The gay young blade says life may begin at 40 but he just can't wait that long to start living.

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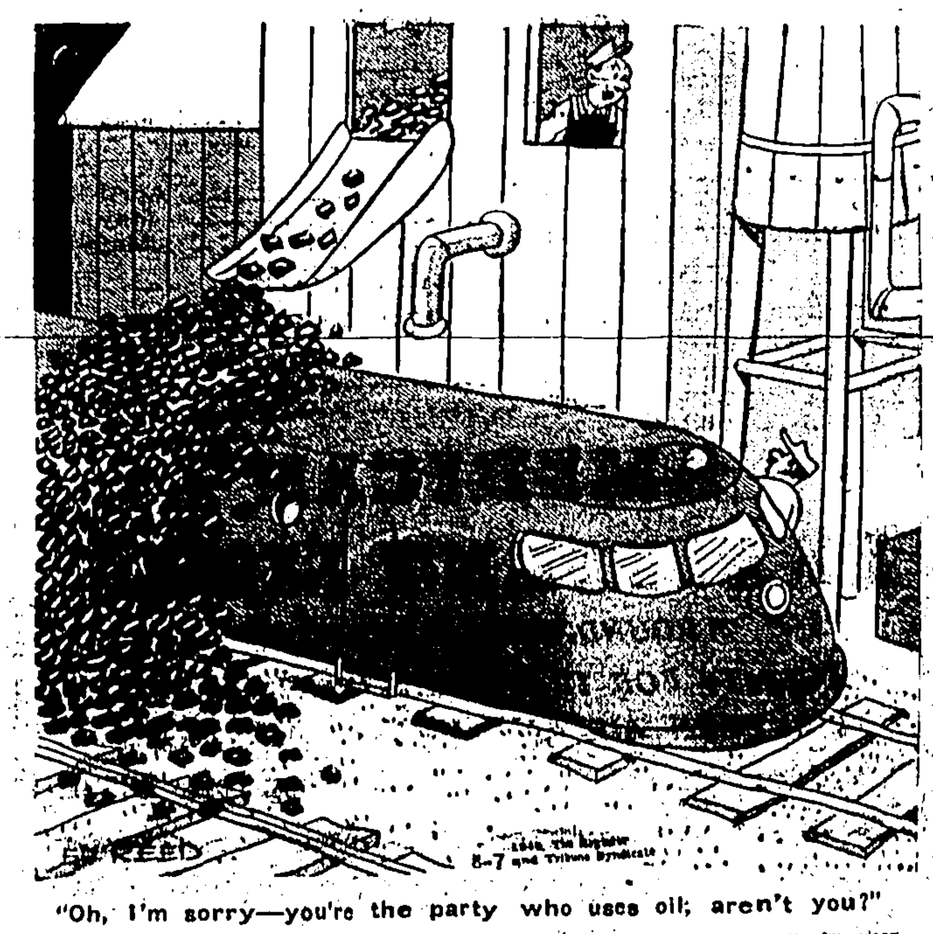

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1.01 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Remember September (Noel-Pelosi); Love Stay in my Heart (from 'Top of the World') Les Allen with Instr. acc. Organ-Dixon Hits No 21—Intro Tears in my heart, In my little red book; Once in a while, The pretty little patchwork quilt, The girl in the Alice Blue Gown, Don't ever change Reginald Dixon. Humorous Monologue The Voice of Inexperience Oliver Wakefield Piano I Was Lucky (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere'), Rhythm of the Rain, Intro Valentine (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere')... Renata. Vocal—Let's Break the Good News (Davis) Les Allen with Novelty acc

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr Piercy) Alfredo & His Orchestra Funiculi-Funicula (Denza), La Danza (Rossini) Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. & Chorus Gipsy Princess Waltz (Kalman), In Gypsy Land (arr Michaeloff) Alfredo & His Orchestra Olympia's Aria The Doll's Song ('Tales of Hoffmann'—Offenbach) Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra Old Bohemian Town (Kennedy), Cara Mia (Sievier & Prisker) Alfredo & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain

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5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme.
Rhapsody in Blue Boston Orchestra cond by Arthur Fiedler Piano: J M Sanroma. Bess, You Is My Woman Now (from 'Porgy & Bess') Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch Strike Up The Band (from the Musical Comedy) Boston Orchestra cond by Arthur Fiedler. Summer Time (from 'Porgy & Bess'). Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J B Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Studio—Talk by William Jenkins on "The Experiences of an International Red Cross Relief Worker in China".
8.15 p.m.—Popular Classics.
Arab Dance from Tchaikowsky's 'Nutcracker Suite'... Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orch. Serenade (Schubert) . Herbert Janssen (Baritone) with Piano. 'Midsummer Night's Dream'—Scherzo (Mendelssohn); The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel)... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano). Ave Maria (Schubert).. Erna Berger (Soprano) with String Quartet. Minuet in G (Paderewski-Kreisler); Minuet (Boccherini)....Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with String Quartet. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot....Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano. Clair De Lune (Debussy); Prelude in C Minor, Op. 28, No. 20; Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 68, No. 2 (both Chopin)....John Hunt (Piano). Alleluia (Mozart) .... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra. Moment Musicale in A Flat Major, Op. 94, No. 6 (Schubert)....William Backhaus (Piano).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme with Joseph Hislop and Moray Macdonald.
Highland Laddie (Carruthers)....New Mayfair Orchestra. Jessie, The Flower of Dunblane (Smith).... Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orch. Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: The Atholl Highlanders; Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie Dundee ....Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Q.O. Cameron Highlanders. The Boatman; Kishmul's Galley ('Songs of the Hebrides'—arr. Kennedy Fraser)...Moray Macdonald (Soprano) with Piano (Singing in Gaelic). Savoy Scottish Medley (arr. Debroy Somers)....New Mayfair Orch. MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn); Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox).... Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show.
Harry Roy & His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Got No Time (from 'Cotton Club Parade'); I'm Gonna Put You In Your Place....'Fats' Waller & His Rhythm. Swing Fox-Trots—Jungle Drums; Back Bay Shuffle ....Artie Shaw & His Orchestra. Tangos—Vieja Amiga; La Maleva ....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Slow Fox-Trot—Sha-Sha; Fox-Trot—The Latin Quarter (film 'The Gay Impostors')....The Six Swingers. Waltz—Where the Shannon Flows Down to the Sea....Billy Cotton & His Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

WEPT WITH WIDOW VICTIM

An absentee soldier alleged to have wept with a widow and then stolen £7 from her was sent for trial by Liverpool magistrates.

The man, Francis Joseph Banbrough, aged twenty-nine, faced five charges of stealing money and articles from women.

Mr. A. Rawlinson, prosecuting, said that Banbrough wore either the uniform of a soldier, an officer in the Merchant Navy.

He did this to gain the confidence of women whose names and addresses he had got from newspaper notices of the deaths of relatives.

He sympathised with one woman whose husband had been drowned. When she wept he wept with her. While her back was turned he stole her handbag containing £7.

On being committed to Liverpool Sessions, Banbrough said: "I am guilty of all the charges."

"SIR PART": A THREAT

On the day before the announcement that he had received a Knighthood threats were made against the life of Mr. P. J. Dollan, Labour Lord Provost of Glasgow.

He described the recent broadcast speech of the Prime Minister to Italy as expressing the feelings of the nation.

Now he has received the following letter, written on black-edged notepaper and headed "Death to Dollan":—

"You ought to think shame of yourself, praising a Tory like Churchill. You who claim to be a Socialist are only an upstart. You have forgotten all your promises to the workers, and are now revealed in your true colours as a Fascist cad and cur.

"The secret six in council are watching your every movement, because three gunmen have been appointed to shoot at sight the loathsome Dollan

"The prophet's words will come true. You will be Saint Pat before you are Sir Pat."

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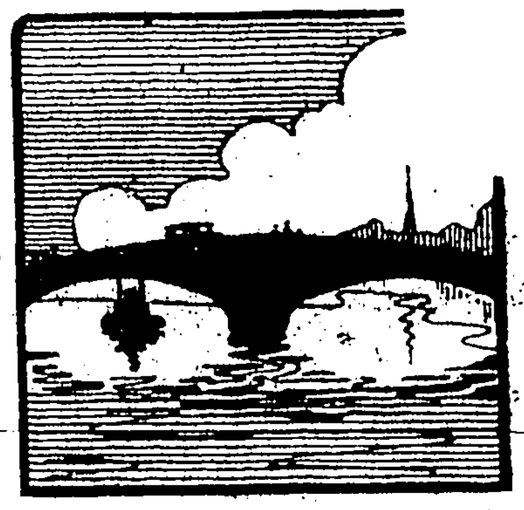

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QUOTAS: A BLITZ RACKET

"Quota trading" has become the new racket of the blitz.

Within a few days of the heavy raids on Manchester and Sheffield, manufacturers of luxury goods whose works had been affected, were visited by "quota agents" operating from London.

These men offered to buy for cash the uncompleted portion of the manufacturers' permitted monthly output.

The uncompleted "quota" was later sold by these agents to other firms manufacturing similar goods at a profit.

"Quite Legal"

A trade organisation official in Manchester said: "As the law is at present, this trade in quotas is perfectly legal.

"These 'quota agents' seem to make a bee-line for the 'blitz towns'.

"If a manufacturer whose monthly quota permits him to produce £1,000 worth of a certain article has completed only £500 worth, and cannot produce more within the month because of damage to his factory, they offer to buy his rights to manufacture the remaining £500 worth.

"I have heard of an 'agent' pocketing £200 for a deal on a £1,500 quota.

"The Board of Trade could stop the racket easily by requiring all uncompleted quotas to be returned to them.

"Ghost firms are another racket developed by quota agents. These firms are set up purely to obtain quota allowances, which the agents sell to the highest bidder.

"Some of the 'ghost firms' have never even seen the articles they say they manufacture. Their 'factory' is usually one room with a staff of one typist-cum-telephonist. Several appear to have their offices in the West End of London."

PROFITS FORGOTTEN IN CANADA AT WAR

GEORGE C. BATEMAN, Controller of Metals of the Canadian Ministry of Munitions and Supply, who delivered the principal address at the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, said Canadian industrialists and other elements of the Canadian people were lending their support so wholeheartedly to the war effort that "the profit motive is no longer a dominating factor in our industrial life."

Mr. Bateman, who is also president of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, spoke at an "all-institute" session at the Hotel Commodore after luncheon. His subject was "Canadian control of metals in the war for democracy."

Public Cooperation Depicted

"The metals control," Mr Bateman said, "is only one phase of Canada's war efforts, but its acceptance by industry and by the people is typical of what is found in many phases of our activities.

"We have adopted a planned economy. Profit is no longer the dominating factor in our industrial life. Our people are not only prepared to sacrifice profits but also to sacrifice many things which we have come to regard as necessities. We are prepared to sacrifice temporarily, at least, our personal liberties, to reduce our expenditures and pay taxes on a scale we have never before known. We are prepared to do these things willingly in the knowedge that we are engaged in a desperate struggle, that victory can only be won by a supreme effort and by the mobilisation of all of our human and material resources and that without victory all that we have and all that we hope for in the future is worth nothing."

Even to the drastic curtailment of the civil uses of aluminum which had far-reaching effects, Mr. Bateman said it had not been necessary for him to adopt a permit system or to issue an official order.

"Such a method of operation," he pointed out, "is only possible where one has the whole-hearted cooperation of the industry and this has been freely given.

"Taking the mining industry as a whole, the degree of cooperation shown has been such that, as far as operating mines are concerned, any system of control other than a purely voluntary one has not been found necessary, and this applies equally to Canadian-owned companies and those where the financial control is in the United States."

Government Not Fiancing Mines

The Canadian Government, Mr Bateman added, had so far not financed the development of mining properties, "not from lack of opportunity but because I not believe the government should go into the mining business."

"This," he continued, "is a general statement which might have to be departed from in case of emergency. However, the outstanding position of the Canadian industry has been the result of the co-ordinated effort of capital, labour and management."

Gold production in Canada, Mr Bateman revealed, is more than $200,000,000 a year as compared with $16,000,000 a year in 191 This gold, he said, "is the greatest single factor in producing dollar exchange, badly needed for the purchase of munitions and to maintain Canada's unbroken record of always meeting its obligations."

Even with the severe restrictions now in effect against the importation of non-essentials, he said, "our imports for war purposes from the United States are resulting in the biggest adverse trade balance in our history. With us gold mining ranks as an essential industry."

Canada, Mr. Bateman added, is now producing about 900,000 tons a year of copper, zinc, nickel and lead. This, he pointed out, not only enables Canada to supply its own war-time requirements but also a substantial part of Britain's requirements, and, in the case of nickel, America's as well.

This has made Canada the largest metal exporting country in the world. Canada, he said, was now selling zinc to Britain at 3½ cents a pound less "than the Canadian equivalent of to-day's prices in the United States." The contracts call for the delivery of 1,000,000,000 pounds of these metals a year, thus representing a net contribution of $35,000,000 annually to the Empire's cause in this case alone.

HIS BREATH SAVED HER

(By A Special Correspondent)

A girl in danger of suffocating under a pile of wreckage cried to her fiance, "I want to die quickly."

Instead, he took gulps of air and breathed into her mouth, squeezing her ribs to make her breathe. In this way he kept her alive for eight hours until rescued.

Philip Henry Mellor, of Buxton, thirty, a bank clerk, and Molly Beadle, twenty-two, of Taunton, have worked in the same bank at Bristol for five years.

Miss Beadle is still in hospital, and Mellor is staying in Bristol until he can take her home.

She told of the amazing courage and devotion of the man she loves.

"There is no doubt whatever that Harry saved my life," she said.

His Promise

"A woman a foot away from me died from suffocation an hour after the building was hit, and of the six other people who were standing in a hall with us only one, a girl next to Harry, was dug out alive.

"We had only just got engaged and it was really not official.

"We have only told our families so far as we had not meant to get married for six to eight months. But now I hope we shall be able to have our wedding very soon.

"Harry came up to tea with me at a hostel and was caught there by the blitz.

"He had always promised me that he would never leave me in a blitz and that he would protect me, but he offered at first to go outside and put out incendiary bombs.

"Harry and I were standing close together under the arched roof in the hall when the bomb came down. I think the arch must have saved us since the entire building fell on us.

"Harry flung himself on me to protect me, and he had all the wreckage pressing down on him.

"I could not move an inch, and I was certain we were dying.

"I said to Harry 'I want to die quickly' and I tried my very hardest to die at once, but he would not let me.

"He could get a little air, and I found afterwards that he had kept on taking gulps of it and breathing it into my mouth.

"He could just move his fingers, and he told me later he kept pinching me and trying to squeeze my ribs to make me breathe.

"They got us out at ten o'clock in the morning. I could not believe we were alive until I saw daylight and realised that Harry had carried out his vow."

CAPTURED "DIVING TWIN" IS A BATMAN IN GERMANY NOW

The father of Reginald Shuttleworth, R.A.F. radio operator and gunner, who is now a prisoner in Germany, has received a letter from him stating that he is now quite fit after spending many months in a German hospital receiving treatment for a shrapnel wound in the arm.

He added that he is serving as batman to several English officers.

Reginald Shuttleworth was a member of the crew of a British bomber which failed to return to its base in France last May. James Shuttleworth, his 22-year-old twin brother, also a radio operator and gunner, was reported missing earlier in the same month and is presumed dead.

The twins were posted to the same squadron in France soon after the war began, and shared the same billet.

Before the war they were known as the "Diving Twins" by members of the London Diving Club, which they represented in several English spring-board diving championships.

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More Sports Contests Between Army And Volunteers Mooted

Tennis Trial To Be Held Shortly

By "Squaddy"

ONCE again the Junior Shield has been retained by a military team, this time by Royal Army Service Corps, who defeated South China last Saturday by 4-1, after extra time.

The outstanding player on the field was Cpl. Young who, at centre-half, played himself to a standstill; he made several openings for his forwards and had the opposing centre-forward well marked.

Service Corps this season have scored more goals than any other team in all three Divisions and have set up another record of 106 goals.

I understand that Cpl Glen their outside-right is going to give up football and settle down to an easier game he is the oldest member of the team and deserves a rest.

Middlesex completed their League fixtures on Saturday by defeating Hong Kong Club by 4-0, and Royal Scots completed their fixtures by beating the Police by 3-2, this making their fourth win in succession. If they had played as well at the opening of the season they might have had a few more points.

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RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers have again won the Army seven-a-side knockout tournament, and this gives them the Army Rugby treble, as they won the Small Units competition, Large Units Rugby League and the seven-a-sides.

In this competition they did not have a point scored against them and scored 76 themselves.

Cpl. Birrell, who is the outstanding player, scored 45 points out of the 76.

Following are the results in order of all games played by Sappers in the Army Leagues during the past three years.

1938-39		
Seven-a-Side		
beat Middlesex "B"	13	8
beat Royal Scots	6	5
beat Middlesex "A"	5	0
beat Ordnance	12	3
1939-40		
Seven-a-Side		
beat Royal Scots "B"	11	0
beat Middlesex "A"	8	5
beat Royal Scots "A"	9	3
Inter Unit League		
beat Middlesex	3	0
lost to 8th Heavy R A	0	7
beat 5th A A	28	0
beat 8th Heavy R A	9	5
beat 5th A A	18	0
beat Middlesex	12	0
beat Royal Scots	8	0
1940-41		
Small Units League		
beat 12th Heavy R A	3	0
beat R A M C	16	6
beat 5th A A	17	0
beat Royal Scots	9	0
Large Units League		
beat Combined R A	9	8
beat Combined Small Units	6	3
beat Middlesex	3	0
beat Middlesex	6	3
beat Royal Scots	3	0
beat Combined Small Units	14	0
beat Combined R A	13	3
Seven-a-Side		
beat 12th R A	21	0
beat Medicals	14	0
beat 5th A A "B"	17	0
beat 5th A A "A"	24	0

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HOCKEY

THE Large Units Hockey League, which Middlesex Regiment won, is not being played off for by the two top teams, as was first mentioned at the commencement of the League, but the two top teams will play off for the Garrison Hockey Cup, which in previous seasons has been played on a knockout basis. At the time of going to press, only winning team known is Middlesex Regiment, and they will receive a set of small shields.

It has been suggested that Lieut J. D. Clague, the Area Hockey Secretary, is arranging for the Royal Artillery to have a seven-a-side hockey tournament for the Artillery only.

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CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday a very interesting match was seen between Royal Engineers, winners of the Large Units Cricket League, and No. 3 (M.G.) Company H.K.V.D.C. which resulted in a win for the Volunteers by 21 runs. At one time the Engineers were in a very good position, having 95 on the board for the loss of two wickets.

Spr. Ratcliffe was the top scorer of the day with 61 runs, hitting nine boundaries. Both sides were quick in the field and some very good catches were taken.

T. A. Madar, who batted well scored 40 not out and hit four boundaries, and Matthews and Mackay also made thirties.

More of these matches between the Volunteers and the Army should be encouraged, not only at cricket but at all sports.

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TENNIS

IT is proposed to hold a trial for all those who wish to be included in the Army League tennis teams during the forthcoming Colony League season.

Units are asked to forward to the Hon. Secretary, Area Tennis, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, the names of all those who are keen on playing, and who are recommended as being suitable to play. Names of both officers and men are required to be sent in not later than April 23.

First trial will take place on Sunday, April 27, at 2.30 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

At a meeting of the Tennis Committee last week it was agreed that all Large Units entering only one team in the Army Tennis League, must take part in "A" League. If it is considered that such a team is too weak for "A" League, the committee may give permission for it to be entered for "B" League, but in all cases sanction of the Tennis Committee must first be obtained.

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SWIMMING

AT a meeting of the Swimming Committee the following list of events was proposed for the forthcoming swimming meeting.

1. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 2 lengths.
2. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 3 lengths.
3. Plunging—Team of 2 per Unit—Each to plunge twice.
4. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 6 lengths.
5. Inter-Unit Free Style—Team of 5 per Unit—one to swim one length, one to swim 6 lengths, one to swim 3 lengths, one to swim 3 lengths, and one to swim 1 length.
6. Diving—Team of 3 per Unit—High Board 1 Plain, Medium Board 1 running plain, 1 fancy. Low Board 1 plain.
7. Inter-Unit Medley Relay—Team of 3 per Unit—One to swim 2 lengths back stroke, one to swim 2 lengths breast, one to swim 2 lengths free style.

CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following are the results of the Cash Sweeps at the Race Course yesterday:

Race 1

No. 545	$1235.85
,, 2801	353.10
,, 1430	176.55

Tickets Nos.: 409, 1783, 1941, 624, 3026, 778, 383, 2923 get $50 each.

Race 2

No. 2226	$1409.80
,, 316	402.80
,, 1430	201.40

Tickets Nos.: 3305, 932, 1641, 1566, 752, 3147, 1758, 1575 get $50 each.

Race 3

No. 2462	$941.18
,, 2757	941.18
,, 2989	209.15

Tickets Nos.: 1629, 547, 2491, 3178, 2328, 2445, 870, 2801, 2341, 2082 get $50 each.

Race 4

No. 16	$1604.05
,, 2076	458.30
,, 2907	229.15

Tickets Nos.: 1467, 3302, 2208, 963, 530, 2556 get $50 each.

Race 5

No. 4153	$2017.40
,, 3927	576.40
,, 4150	288.20

Tickets Nos.: 988, 2661, get $50 each.

Race 6

No. 3787	$2046.80
,, 2325	584.80
,, 586	292.40

Tickets Nos.: 3420, 1098, 4200, 2033 get $50 each.

Race 7

No. 3067	$1936.20
,, 4367	553.20
,, 4302	276.60

Tickets Nos.: 432, 4367, 781, 447, 3067, 2454, 669, 966, 2690, 4302, 1655, 774, 3262 get $50 each.

Race 8

No. 1889	$2041.20
,, 3720	583.20
,, 624	291.60

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Race 9

No. 2523	$2070.60
,, 329	591.60
,, 3197	295.80

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Race 10

No. 4089	$2125.60
,, 3287	607.40
,, 1994	303.70

Tickets Nos.: 1716, 610, 2416, 3350, 4280, 1581 get $50 each.

Race 11

No. 1276	$2095.45
,, 2241	598.70
,, 2077	299.35

Tickets Nos.: 4332, 1229, 1834, 2656, 1040, 2323, 4028, 3412, 4673 get $50 each.

Race 12

No. 3428	$4610.90
,, 1325	1317.40
,, 4670	658.70

Tickets Nos.: 3363, 1766, 3170 get $100 each.

PHOENIX ELEVEN IS BEATEN; EPIC HOCKEY GAME AT CONCLUSION

By "Adrem"

THE ANNUAL UNIVERSITY Phoenix cricket match was played at Pokfulum yesterday under perfect cricket conditions, Dr. Ride's XI winning by four wickets in an interesting match in which sooring by both sides was fast.

The Phoenixes batted first and although they lost Matthews and Gegg quickly, a fine partnership between Tam and Oh realised 67 runs. Tam played a brilliant innings, scoring all round the wicket, especially freely on the leg side and scored 58 out of the 97 runs added while he was at the wickets. He hit 10 boundaries in an innings lasting 75 minutes.

Apart from one or two double-figure scores near the end, when the better bowlers in Dr. Ride's team were performing, the remainder of the side failed.

Ratcliffe bowled steadily to finish with 3 for 24 but Ride, who had at least four catches dropped and had to hit the sticks to be effective, put up some extremely cunning deliveries.

Good Innings

Anderson and Mackay put on 59 for the first wicket for Dr. Ride's XI and later a useful stand of 77 between A. Zimmern and J. L. Youngsaye enabled the Phoenix total to be passed with four wickets in hand.

Zimmern played one of his best innings of the season scoring with well-timed strokes all round the wicket, while Youngsaye's off play was very effective and most of his runs came as the result of well-placed snicks through the slips.

Hockey Classic

As the innings was concluded by 5 o'clock and there was still lots of energy to spare, a hockey match was played.

The Phoenixes won by 6-5 in a stirring encounter, the game being decided by the fact that the umpire switched his affections in the closing stage!

Every rule in the book was broken with cheerful abandon by both teams and some of the players showed a great deal of skill with their feet.

The Phoenixes wore their shirts outside but the Rest, on occasions, supped in Fifth Column agents who did much useful work behind the lines.

Anderson played a good game in the Rest defence and Ernie Zimmern showed signs of much natural ability; a couple of extra inches on his waist line and he should develop into a really good custodian.

Dr. Ride was a good half or it might have been right-wing or even right-back, while Panzer units led by J. L. Youngsaye frequently rolled up the Phoenix left-wing with skilful flanking movements.

Dr. Rodrigues, an ex-Interporter, spoke very well and was well-supported by the Rest male voice chorus. Other players could not be identified.

Cricket scores were:—

UNIVERSITY PHOENIXES

K. Y. Tam, b Ride	58
C. N. Matthews, b Ratcliffe	1
W. S. Gegg, l.b.w., Ratcliffe	4
K. S. Oh, b Ratcliffe	24
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ride	6
N. Singh, c Hong Chow, b Anderson	2
D. Chelliah, run out	16
T. T. Chin, c A. Zimmern, b Hong Choy	1
E. Mazuza, c Youngsaye, b Mackay	15
S. Amplavanar, c Mackay, b Ride	16
S. Mahmood not out	15
Extras (B10, LB5, W1)	16
Total	174

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Anderson	10	0	44	1
Ratcliffe	7	2	24	3
Hong Chow	6	1	30	1
Ride	5.1	0	22	3
Youngsaye	1	0	12	0
Mackay	2	0	11	1
Rodrigues	1	0	15	0

Anderson bowled one wide.

DR. RIDE'S XI

D. J. N. Anderson, c Mazuza, b Amplavanar	69
N. A. E. Mackay, c Amplavanar, b N. Singh	22
Spr. Ratcliffe, b N. Singh	0
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, c Matthews, b Gegg	8
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood	13
A. Zimmern, l.b.w., b Mazuza	61
Dr. L. T. Ride, b Mahmood	10
J. L. Youngsaye, b Mazuza	27
G. Hong Choy, c and b Chelliah	1
C. W. Ho, not out	0
T. B. Teoh, c N. Singh, b Chelliah	0
Extras (B15, LB6, WB2, NB1)	24
Total	235

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gegg	10	0	53	1
Mahmood	10	0	73	2
Singh	5	0	31	2
Amplavanar	3	0	14	1
Mazuza	2	0	23	2
Chelliah	1.7	0	17	2

Gegg and Chelliah bowled one wide each and Amplavanar bowled one no-ball.

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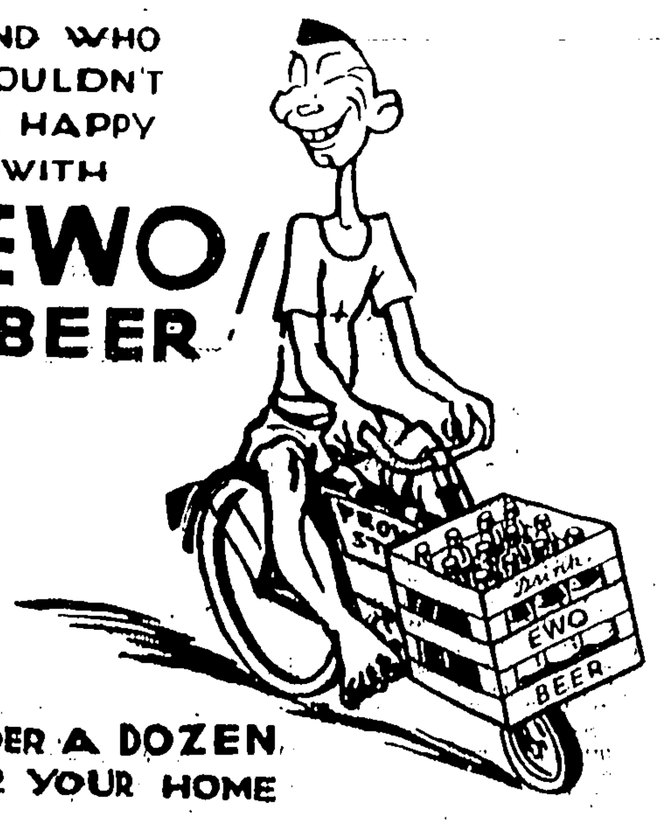

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ROYAL AIR FORCE WIN THIRD DIVISION TITLE

Beat Royal Signals By Two Clear Goals In Play Off

Edmunds & Hemley Sound Defenders For Airmen

By "Referee"

ROYAL AIR FORCE WON the Third Division soccer title when they defeated Royal Corps of Signals by two clear goals in the play off at Caroline Hill yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

Both sides played hard football but the Airmen were served by a good pair of backs in Hemley and Edmunds and it was the efforts of these two that prevented the Signals from scoring.

Edmunds was the outstanding player. He positioned himself well and was safe in his clearances. His partner Hemley gave him good assistance.

Berry in the pivotal position was always up with his forwards and was sound in the defence. Paling and Connelly had a trying afternoon against Pitcher and Husband though they did their work well.

Bartlett and Mansfield were the pick of the Airmen forwards, and provided the most danger to the Signals' defence. Ho Ka-keung was slow to take advantage of the openings made by his other forwards but he was seen in some neat passing movements.

Little Combination

Signals did not combine well, Parry played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Brakenberry tried hard in the forward line but could not evade the attentions of Berry and also found Edmunds and Hemley on top form.

Neither of the wingers sent over good centres.

Play was even for some time and just before the interval Air Force took the lead through Richardson, who sent in a high shot, that Kennard misjudged.

Signals pressed in the second half and Gash was called upon on several occasions. In a breakaway, Ho Ka-keung made the game safe when he scored from a pass from Mansfield.

SIGNALS — Kennard; Taylor, Spinks; Dgnan ,Parry, Holland; Pitcher, Truscott, Brakenberry, Bundy, Husband.

AIR FORCE—Gash; Hemley, Edmunds; Connelly, Berry, Paling; Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kar-keung, Bartlett, Mansfield.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATED

In a hard fought game at Caroline Hill yesterday, South China, First Division champions, were defeated by the "Rest" team by three clear goals after being led at the interval by the only goal scored.

Rest made several changes in their line-up Blackburn played in place of Roughley, while Maxwell filled Freshwater's position in the half back line Fung Kung-cheong was an absentee in the attack and Ferrier substituted

From the very outset Re struck up a good understanding d were continually on the offen The Chinese appeared to tak things easily in the opening es but in the second period they played their usual game and Bankier was forced to give of his be Blackburn and Fraser also rose to great heights and it was the ork of these three that fustrated any a scoring attempt of the Chinese.

The Rest intermediate ne also came into prominence ch of the halves played well ed dually and showed good understanding as a unit. Hsu King-seng dominated the centre of the field d had Lee Wai-tong well checked Maxwell did not allow Lee k-yau much rope and still fo d time to give Chau Man-chi se of his attention.

Thomas did not have such a strenuous afternoon and did his work well.

Dangerous Wingers

Both Hau Ching-to and Fowler were dangerous wingers d with Hendy's forceful and trustful methods in the centre, the Chinese intermediate-line had a hard time. Barber and Ferrier were two clever inside forwards who distributed the ball well.

Tam Kwan-kon had more to do than usual and did not seem so confident. Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai were at their best in the early stages of the game but fell away badly in the second period Lee Kwok-wai played in the forward line later but he was not comfortable in that position.

Lam Tak-po left Hendy too free, with the result that this player was always a danger. Lau Hing-choy and Tse Kam-hung found the wingers troublesome and had all their time taken up checking them.

Lee Wai-tong tried hard, particularly in the second half, but found Hsu always near him and added to this Bankier was in great form.

Rest started attacking and from one of the raids Hau Ching-to sent in a perfect centre which Hendy cleverly deflected pass Tam Kwan-kon.

Hendy, Fowler and Hau Ching-to went near to increasing the lead and at the other end Bankier saved well from Lee Tak-kee and Chau Man-chi.

In the second half Rest were mostly in their own half and the Chinese were making desperate efforts to equalise. Rest increased the lead when Hendy passed the ball over Tsang's head for Hau Ching-to to nip in and net. Before the end, Hendy beat Tam from another breakaway.

At the close of the game, the prizes won in the various leagues were distributed by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of a Vice-President of the Association.

SOUTH CHINA — Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Kwok-wai, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

REST — Bankier; Blackburn, Fraser; Maxwell, Hsu King-seng, Thomas; Fowler, Ferrier, Hendy, Barber, Hau Ching-to.

TITLES FOR COLLINGS AND GROSE

At Kowloon City yesterday, R. K. Collings beat T. B. Low 5 and 4 to win the Senior championship of Kowloon Golf Club, while H. J. Grose beat A. J. Buttfield 7 and 6 to win the Junior championship.

FOOTBALLERS CELEBRATE

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the Senior Football League and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kotewall Charity Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Football Association as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Mr. Ngan Sik-kwan in proposing "The Guests" said in part:-

It is not only a pleasure, but also an honour, for me, as Chairman of the South China Athletic Association, to extend to you to-night a hearty welcome to join us in the celebration of our Fourth Consecutive Championship in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. In celebrating this attainment, thus breaking the record formerly held by the Chinese Athletics, we wish also to take this opportunity to rejoice over our other victories, namely, the winning of the much-coveted "treble" by our victories also in the Senior Challenge Shield as well as the Kotewall Charity Cup. As an individual team, I am proud to say, South China has won everything there was for us to win. Though we were not successful in the Junior Division, we were runners-up in the Junior Challenge Shield.

During the last closed season and at the beginning of the soccer season which has just ended, anybody who would have gone so far as to suggest that South China would be among the first three teams in the Senior League, much less emerge Champions, would have been considered screwy, or cock-eyed. We started out most inauspiciously. We managed only to secure enough players for our First Division Eleven. We were beaten by the doughty Scots in the first game we played. The majority of players had left us and there remained only a few "loyalists" from our "A" and "B" teams. "B" team, which had been in existence since 1934, had to be dropped.

In spite of these handicaps, our players realised that they were not playing for themselves and that it took eleven men to make a team. They knew they represented tradition and they have not failed to live up to that tradition.

Great Credit Due

Great credit is due to our football manager, Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, who is one of our guests to-night and to whom a presentation will be made later this evening. Mr. Leung has worked indefatigably and methodically and given unselfishly of his time and efforts to encourage the players always to do their best and to keep the team together. In his work, Mr. Leung has received the whole-hearted support, cooperation and encouragement of all members of the Football Committee.

The greatest credit, however, is due to Lee Wai-tong.

In this connection, I should like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the members of the Council and Committee who have worked so loyally and tirelessly in order that South China might not go on the rocks. This should not, shall not, and must not be so. With their continued support, and that of our many friends, foreign and Chinese, we can look forward with confidence to the future.

I am also happy to see present so many members of the Football Association Council (the chairman of which, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, we are proud to say, was for many years our representative on the Council and is the first Chinese ever to hold the chairmanship), Senior Referees' representatives of our sister clubs, who, at all times, have given us their hearty cooperation, except when they were out to beat us on the football field; the foreign friends who have contributed so generously, every year towards our general working fund; and members of the English and Chinese press.

The Hon Mr. N. L. Smith replied for the guests.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (1).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final

T. J. Gould (—15.2) v. J. Stirling Lee (—2/6) (8).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6) (3).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) (4).

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R.A.F. PLAYING EPIC PART IN MEDITERRANEAN

German Troops Hammered In Greece And Libya

Constant Strafing By Bombers And Fighters

THE R.A.F. CONTINUED on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece. Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cyrenaica.

Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride German road communications between Msus and Sollum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns or roads in the area of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers escorted by fighters in the Koritza area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others damaged.

A Messerschmidt twin-engined fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

Tripoli Raided

On Sunday night long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour at Tripoli, base for German reinforcements to the African war front.

Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely. The power station and customs house were also attacked.

South African Air Force 'planes, cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa, made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

Two enemy bombers were burned out and several other bombers and fighters damaged. Explosions were caused.

Bombs On Malta

A number of enemy bombers dropped bombs on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage. One Messerschmidt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.—Reuter.

RIDING THE STORM: HITLER'S GAMBLE

"The Empire is about to pass through the greatest test since the collapse of France," declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, appealing in Sydney yesterday for recruits.

"Hitler is staking all on the next months. When we have ridden the storm he will be doomed."—Reuter.

Italian Army's New Role

Italian troops in large numbers are reported to be replacing German troops in occupied France.

An important contingent has already arrived at Angers, in western France, and it is planned to send 40,000 Italians to occupy Paris, declares the Independent French Agency, but no Italian troops will be entrusted with coast protection.

It is also understood that the Armistice Commission has ended its sessions at Wiesbaden and will henceforth function in Paris, whither many of its departments have already been transferred.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AND GREEK TROOPS ESTABLISHED ON STRONG LINE

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mechanised and armoured units in this highland region.

In New Positions

A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCES THAT ON SATURDAY NIGHT OUR FORCES IN GREECE WITHDREW TO NEW POSITIONS.

Our covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy who maintained a continuous pressure on our eastern sector during this withdrawal.

There was marked activity on the right of our line but no serious clashes.

IN THE CENTRE OF OUR SECTOR PERSISTENT GERMAN ATTACKS FAILED, LARGELY OWING TO VIGOROUS ARTILLERY FIRE.

The weather is extremely cold, with snow.

Italian Claims

Troops of the Italian 9th Army are officially reported to have reoccupied Koritza, according to Rome radio last night.—Reuter.

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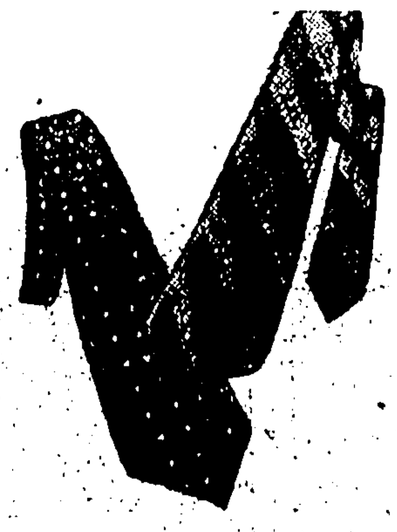

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Aussie Order Of The Day

"It is not unlikely that the action of Greece, this small and noble nation, may prove in the end to be the beginning of the final downfall of Nazi tyranny."

This statement occurs in a special Order of the Day issued to his troops by the commander of the Australian forces in the Middle East, Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, in Athens yesterday.

Lt.-Gen. Blamey recalled that once again, just 26 years ago, an Australian army landed in these regions on the great Gallipoli adventure.

The Order of the Day says, "Every Greek man and woman and every pound of Greek money is being put into the war effort.

"We have come as comrades in arms. We have now landed again in these regions to fight at the side of the Greeks and to overthrow once more a German effort to enslave the world." — Reuter.

Violent German Break-Through Attempts Smashed

R.A.F. AND GREEK AIR SQUADRONS ARE MERCILESSLY BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING THE GERMANS IN THE MONASTIR AREA, WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, SAYS A GREEK MINISTRY OF WAR BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The failure of the Germans to effect a break-through during the first days, together with a continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory, and "there is no major activity to report," the bulletin adds.

The radio announcer quoted a Greek Press Ministry statement saying that in Yugoslavia it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugoslav army remains intact and has retired to mountainous areas where it is easy to maintain the defensive, and whence it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

Highland Defences

The situation in northern Yugoslavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugoslav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and are approaching Serbia, where strong defences can readily be maintained.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN YUGOSLAVIA HAS MATERIALLY IMPROVED DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE ATTACKED AND DISLOCATED GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND INFLICTED MANY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY.

The Germans, says the statement, are unable to use their

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YUGOSLAVIA TO APPEAL TO TURKEY?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Announcement that the Yugoslav Minister in Bulgaria is due in Istanbul en route to Ankara is taken to indicate that Yugoslavia will seek Turkish aid against Italy and Germany.

It is believed he will confer with the Turkish Foreign Minister, who, it is thought, will lend him a friendly ear. — International News Service.

PILOT'S THRILLING ESCAPE

Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No-Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew.

His escape, first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Returning to his squadron, the pilot said he was just about dead-beat when he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer he is reported to have said "We had been ground-strafing German motorised columns and had done a deuce of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."—Reuter.

TANK BATTLE IN PERIMETER OF TOBRUK

IN LIBYA YESTERDAY MORNING ENEMY INFANTRY, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK, ANNOUNCES A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE.

At one point about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences.

An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as a result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses both in tanks and personnel.

The situation has been completely restored.

Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum.

Abyssinia Pursuit

In Abyssinia our pursuit of the beaten and disorganised enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a brigade commander. — Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

German aircraft flying singly dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during daylight yesterday.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales on Sunday night.—Reuter.

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Balkan War Rapidly Entering Upon Second Phase

NAZIS HALTED BOTH IN GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MILITARY CIRCLES IN ATHENS DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST SO HEAVILY IN ATTACKS ON THE MAIN GREEK AND BRITISH DEFENCE LINES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT THEY ARE NOW PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY.

These sources foresee the Balkan war entering a second phase with the Yugoslavs, heartened by the Anglo-Greek success, strengthening their defences in the mountain fastnesses and harassing the Germans on the northern front.

Athens radio says the Anglo-Greek forces are taking advantage of the German inaction, as the Germans apparently are ccunting their losses and licking their wounds, and have heavily reinforced their lines.

It is reported that the situation on all fronts is very satisfactory, with the British completely controlling the eastern end of the line.

Eye-witness reports from Macedonia and Thrace state the Greeks were far superior in hand-to-hand fighting and that Greek bayonet charges devastated the Germans, just as they did the Italians in Albania.

Axis Troops Melted

It is reported that in many sectors the Axis troops literally melted under Greek bayonet charges when they found their mechanised attacks had not swept the Greeks from their feet.

At the western end of the line it is reported that Greek shock troops and British and Anzac armoured units repulsed repeated German thrusts towards Florina and Vamtsa from Monastir Gap.

The Yugoslavs, having reorganised, are counter-attacking on both sides of the Morava River as well as in south Serbia, where they are reported to have recaptured Brokuplje from the Germans.

It is reported the Yugoslavs have halted the German mechanised advance at Suhareka and Kacanik International News Service.

PURELY INCIDENTAL

Dr. H. Ritman, head of the N.E.I. Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting in Manila between the N.E.I. Foreign and Colonial Secretaries and Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, emphasised in an interview in Batavia yesterday that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a form "conference of the powers," as the press had inferred. Reuter.

ITALY SENDS NEW PROTEST TO UNITED STATES

Italy delivered a new Note yesterday to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the Note are not published but an Italian official in Washington said it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding seizure of the ships.—Reuter.

ITALY FORESEES TROUBLE

"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugoslavia, to gain time," declared the "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome yesterday.

"In any case, withdrawal of the British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question, and we must therefore expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army, and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent trip to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says the Axis will deal with American convoys according to international law. Reuter.

PEARL RIVER REOPENED

CLOSED SINCE WEDNESDAY LAST BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN CANTON, THE PEARL RIVER WAS OFFICIALLY RE-OPENED YESTERDAY MORNING, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE O.S.K.'S AGENTS IN CANTON.

The Japanese motor-vessel, Shagane Maru, will resume schedule to-morrow when she arrives in Hong Kong.

The s.s. Fatshan will now sail for Canton on Saturday morning, according to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

FLYING FORTRESSES FLOWN ACROSS ATLANTIC

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A NUMBER OF NEW TYPE UNITED STATES FOUR-ENGINED FLYING FORTRESSES HAVE REACHED BRITAIN FROM THE UNITED STATES, BEATING ALL RECORDS IN THEIR FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

They are known as the Boeing B17C, and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first Flying Fortresses from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates important advancements.

Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 horsepower, give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet, while at 220 miles an hour it has a range of 2,450 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy, and back.

It can carry a very heavy bomb load. It is 15½ feet high, 68 feet long and has a wing span of over 100 feet, and it carries a crew of seven to nine.—Reuter.

NEW IRAQ CABINET

SAYID RASHID ALI EL GALLANI, CHIEF CIVILIAN LEADER IN THE IRAQ COUP D'ETAT, HAS SUCCEEDED IN FORMING A CABINET UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY.

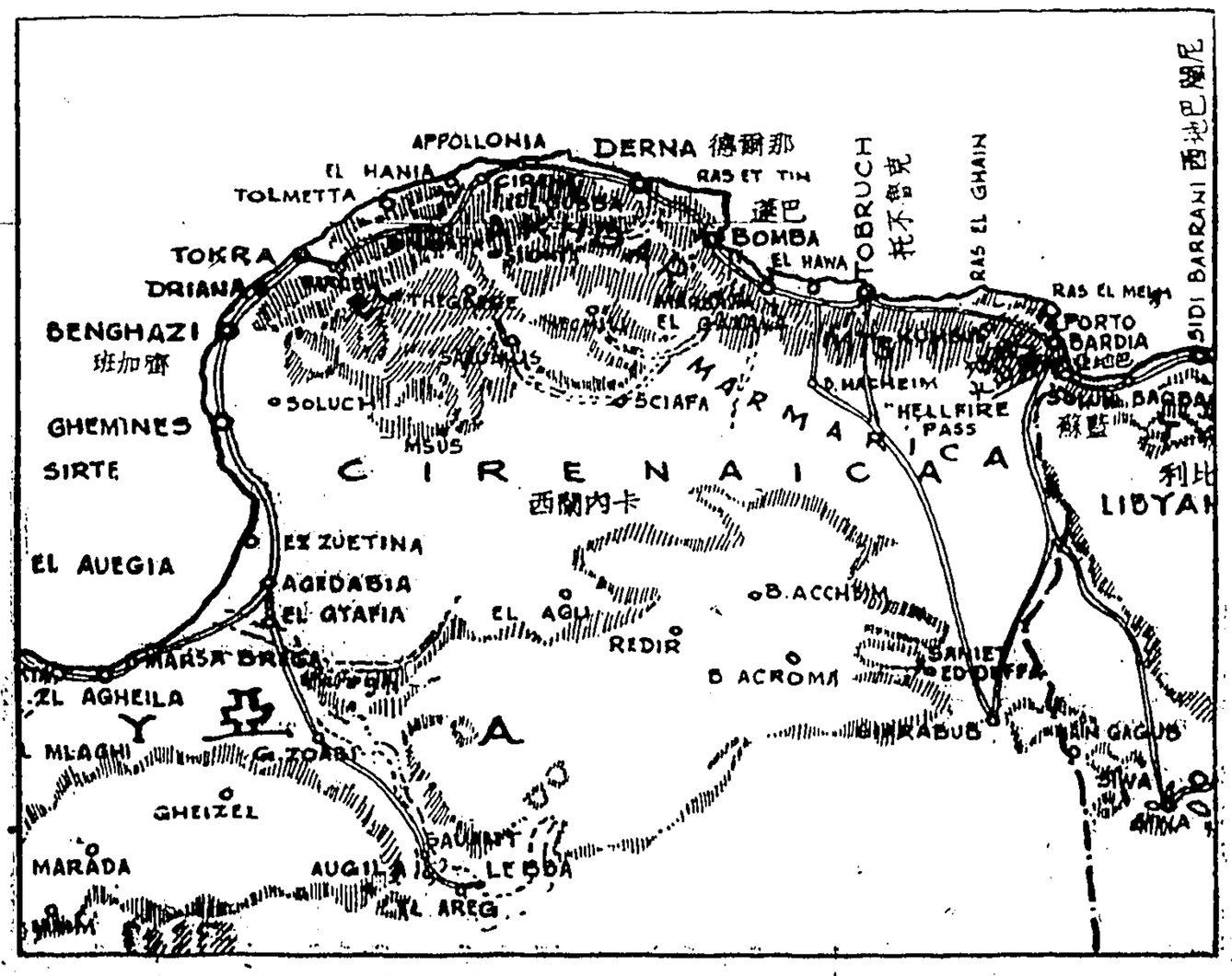
The Cabinet, announced by the Royal Iraq Legation in London, shows Sayid Rashid as Prime Minister, and includes Sayid Musa al Shabander as Foreign Minister, Sayid Naji al Suwaida as Finance Minister, Sayid Naji Shawkat as Defence Minister, and Sayid Ali Mahmud al Sheikh Ali as Minister of Justice.—Reuter.

PICKED WRONG TARGETS

Two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early yesterday morning a Heinkel fell to the British trawler "Kingston Amber," while a Junkers nose-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a Free French submarine-chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage. — Reuter.



SCENE OF NEW CONFLICT

U.S. GREENLAND ARRANGEMENT TO STAY PUT

M. HENRIK DE KAUFFMAN, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

M. de Kauffman signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark, after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

M. de Kauffman had previously acquiesced in President Roosevelt's plan to purchase ships in United States ports which were being held in United States custody.

M. de Kauffman declared he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement.

U.S. Assent

He added he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling M. de Kauffman and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly-authorised Danish Minister in Washington.—Reuter.

SOVIET DISTRUST OF GERMANY

Believed To Be Inspiration Of New Agreement

Seen As, At Most, A Keep Out Pact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS in Washington sharply differ regarding the import of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact.

A high Administration spokesman, however, said the Pact's apparent blow at British and American prestige is actually deceptive.

[illegible] Informed circles believe that Hitler, if victorious in the Balkans, plans a blitz against the Ukraine granfields, which he has long coveted, or to seize the Dardanelles or Suez, any of which moves would provoke Russia to war.

Nazi Theory

In Berlin, German quarters say they are highly pleased over the Pact and add "At present we will not stress the fact that Moscow's signature indicates the growing anti-American front."

Informed German quarters declare this statement is intended to preserve the studied reserve with which the Wilhelmstrasse has met what they call "provocative American acts" in recent weeks.

They say Germany "considers such acts a peculiar manifestation of the American habit of interfering with matters which do not concern America."

The Germans add that the Pact is a "tremendous blow" to President Roosevelt and "hope it will influence him not to plunge into the war at Britain's side."

Keep-Out Pact

In London, informed circles dismiss the Pact as a wordy but pointless document, neither side promising the other anything concrete.

The "Daily Express" declares "At the most this is a 'keep-out pact' in which neither side actively aids the other. It does not affect Britain, neither favourably nor unfavourably."

Authoritative British circles say that while the Pact appears to give the Japanese a free hand in the Far East, equally it gives Russia a free hand against Germany in the west.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI HOTEL STRIKES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SHANGHAI HISTORY WHITE WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED AS CHAMBERMAIDS IN THE CITY'S SWANK BRITISH-OWNED METROPOLE HOTEL YESTERDAY TO REPLACE 200 STRIKING CHINESE.

Meanwhile the situation is unchanged in the Cathay Hotels Ltd. strike, involving nearly 1,000 Chinese workers.

The Cathay Hotels, owned by E. D. Sassoon's, comprise the Cathay Hotel, Cathay Mansions, the Metropole and Hamilton House.—International News Service.

BULGARIA REJOICES IN NAZI CRIME

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

EXPECTING THE QUICK REANNEXATION OF GREEK AND SERBIAN MACEDONIA, THOUSANDS OF BULGARIANS MARCHED PAST THE PALACE IN SOFIA TO CHEER KING BORIS.

The Italian and German Ministers and Macedonian leaders addressed the crowds, promising Bulgaria a share of these regions under Nazi auspices.

The Bulgarian press continually demands that Yugoslavia return Macedonia and Thrace.—International News Service.

NO ALARM IN U.S.

"Significance of the Pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement in Washington.

"The agreement would seem to be [illegible] of a situation which [illegible] effect [illegible] the [illegible]

It therefore comes as no surprise although it has caused a doubt whether the two Governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

"THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, REMAINS UNCHANGED."

Mr. Hull departed from usual practice at his press conference by issuing a formal statement on the Pact.—Reuter.

STRIKE AVERTED

The United States Steel Corporation averted a strike called by the trade union of the Congress of Industrial Organisation for to-night by granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1, and the new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about $4.—Reuter.

ASTUTE STROKE OF DIPLOMACY BY RUSSIA?

THE AUTHORITIES in London are carefully examining in all its implications the Russo-Japanese Pact of Neutrality of which the chief article declares that if either the Soviet or Japan becomes the object of military action by one or more third powers the other party shall observe neutrality throughout the whole duration of such a conflict.

It is regarded in the British press as a further example of the pursuit by Russia of her own unemotional policy and recognition by both parties of the need for good neighbourly relationship.

The main provision would appear to have no great importance for Japan which is unlikely to suffer attack. On the other hand the Neutrality Pact would, in the event of a German attack on Russia, remove anxieties about the security of the Soviet Far East.

In exchange for this relief Russia recognises Manchukuo.

Note is taken of the fact that Japan, military ally of Germany, has put on paper a promise not to move against Russia if Russia is attacked, presumably even by the Germans.

Gain To Moscow

Thus, says "The Times," although too much should not be read into the Pact, the diplomatic gains seem to go to Moscow.

The "Daily Telegraph" on the same point remarks that "the new Pact looks very much like a notice by Japan that vis-a-vis Russia the Tripartite Pact is inoperative.

To secure that is an astute stroke of diplomacy on the part of Russia, more so since it is gained apparently without any surrender of her right to continue sending arms and munitions to China.

Freer Hand For Russia

On this view, which alone fits the facts at present known, Russia has improved her position in Europe for if she can rely on Japan's neutrality she is enabled to take a much stronger line against Germany in the Balkans.

It would indeed be imprudent to assume she intends, at any rate for the present, to risk a breach with Germany but she has undoubtedly freed her hands."

Comment from Berlin is for the present reserved.

Commentators in London, however, recall that last autumn Germany was openly canvassing the possibilities of the Soviet's adherence to the Three-Power Pact and naming her as a subscriber to the new order.—British Wireless.

CHINA REPUDIATES SOVIET-JAPANESE DECLARATION

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT formally repudiated the Japanese-Soviet declaration regarding Outer Mongolia and Manchukuo in a statement by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, in Chungking yesterday.

"It is an indisputable fact that the four north-eastern provinces and Outer Mongolia are integral parts of the Republic of China and always will remain Chinese territory.

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagements between third powers which are detrimental to Chinese territory and sovereign rights in [illegible]

After a conference of Government leaders a telegram was despatched to Moscow asking definite elucidation of certain points in connection with the Pact.

The Chinese Government wishes to know definitely what is the Soviet policy towards China as a result of the agreement with Japan.

No Surprise

News of the Soviet-Japanese Pact did not come as a surprise in Chungking, since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

The question uppermost in all minds in Chungking is whether the Pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan.

Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connection are anxiously awaited.

The opinion generally is expressed that the Soviet has concluded the Pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war, which is spreading rapidly to her doorsteps.

It is also declared in Chungking that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia.—Reuter.

MASS RAID ON MALTA

A LARGE NUMBER OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT DROPPED MANY BOMBS WHEN FLYING OVER MALTA IN WAVES DURING SUNDAY NIGHT.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made yesterday but no bombs were dropped. — Reuter.

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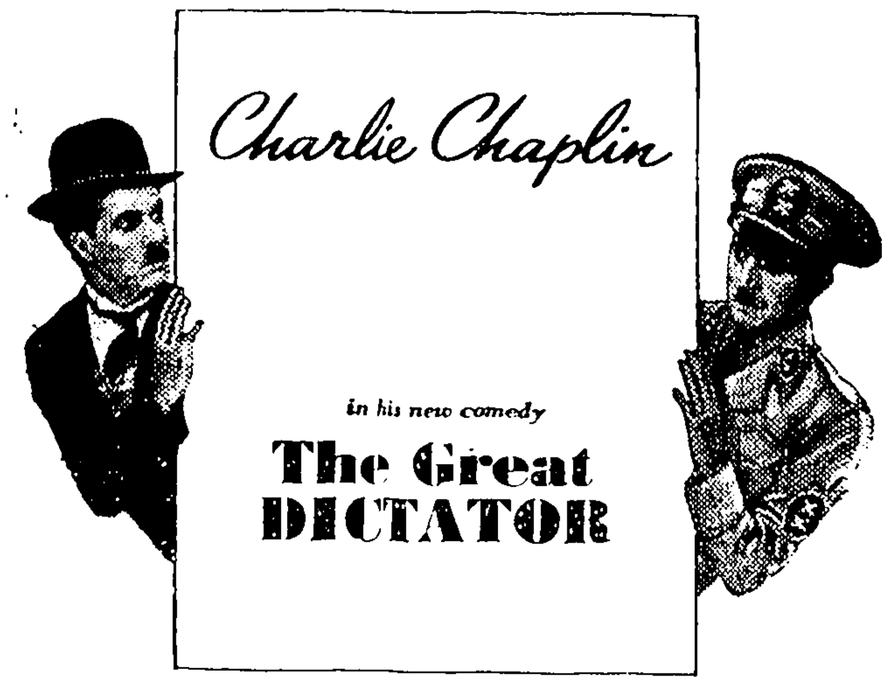

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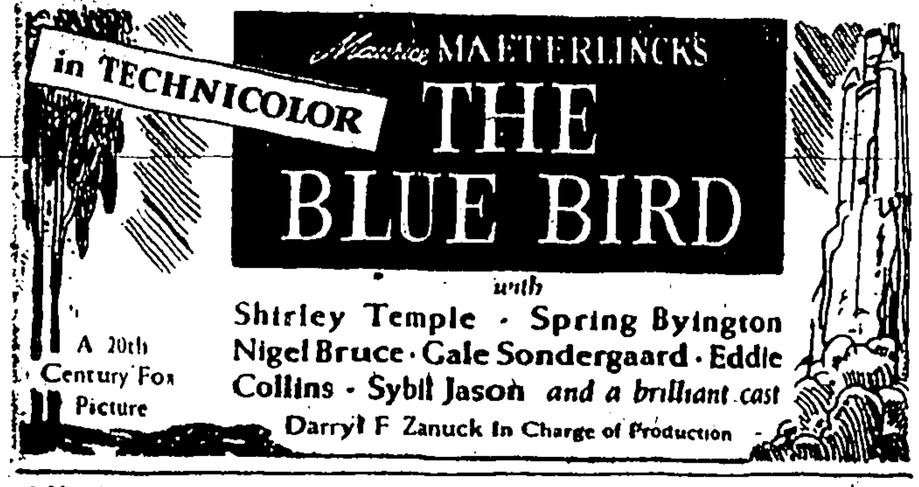

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MUSLIM PLAN FOR INDIA

Muslims would never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one Government at the centre, declared Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting in Madras yesterday.

He advocated "the establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India, with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared Muslims were an independent nationality and any attempt to get them to merge their national political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted.

One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule.

The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote goodwill and harmony on a basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity. Reuter.

TOUGH ON NAVY

Mrs. Grundy is at it again—spoiling the fun of naval men on a few hours' leave from patrolling the seas.

The Navy's weekly dance at one north-east coast base must end at eleven o'clock by order of the local Licensing Bench. And there must be no drinks after ten o'clock.

Yet in neighbouring districts dances go on until two in the morning.

Until a week or two ago the curfew time at the town's only dance hall was ten o'clock. When a local bus company persuaded the Bench to grant them an extra hour's festivity at a dance, however, the naval renewed their pleas and obtained the same concession.

But they don't think much of it.

Tickets Handed Back

"Personally I have never been able to understand why it is immoral or undesirable for us to enjoy ourselves after ten or eleven at night," the base entertainments' officer told a reporter, "but the magistrates apparently think otherwise.

"We arrange about one dance per week but people have been handing back their tickets when they learned the time it finished.

"It is unfair to expect fellows who have been doing dangerous jobs at sea for weeks at a time to stop celebrating at eleven o'clock when they get a day or two ashore, or perhaps only a few hours' leave."

There are one or two Scrooges on the Bench besides Mrs. Grundys.

Proceeds of one naval dance — £45 — went to the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for air raid victims.

When next the naval men applied for permission to hold a dance, the magistrates told them: "This time we expect the money to remain in the district."

The magistrates' deputy clerk explained that the Bench were afraid that if they granted late hours for dances, people would get drunk and there would be disturbances.

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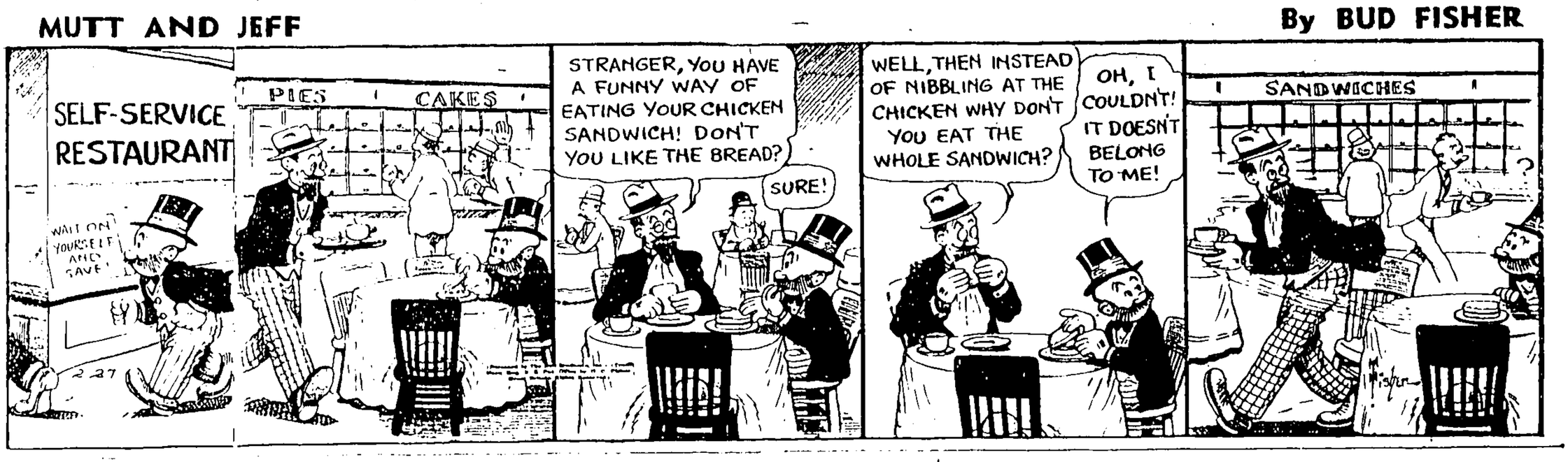

Easter Monday Spent As Normal Bank Holiday

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS no let up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and Servicemen off duty celebrated Easter Bank Holiday in something approaching peacetime style yesterday.

London's West End from an early hour was crowded with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did a tremendous business.

By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting later performances.

Feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia and others on leave from their posts in defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom also were in uniform.

At Nottingham, the Easter Race Meeting attracted a record crowd, and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the stirring victory in the Southern Plate of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, young wife of Britain's premier Duke.—Reuter.

Signs Of Spring

Although transport services were unable to provide any additional facilities many Londoners were able to take advantage of the first Bank Holiday which has been observed for a whole year by getting out into the nearby country where signs of Spring now abound.

In London, streets were crowded and places of entertainment were full. The area near St. Paul's destroyed by fire some time ago in the first raid in which the Germans concentrated on the use of incendiary bombs, was inspected by many visitors from the country.

Animated Crowds

In the suburbs allotment holders seized the opportunity to do some extra "digging for victory." In many places traditional fairs were held. The preponderance of of uniforms in crowds everywhere was noticeable.

Although the demeanour of people was possibly more restrained than on an ordinary Bank Holiday, the crowds were most animated and obviously determined to make the most of the well-earned respite before returning to factories and offices with strength to make good the whole of production lost in the holiday break. — British Wireless.

DR. QUO BIDS HIS FAREWELL

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, OUTGOING CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES, YESTERDAY BID FAREWELL TO MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL. HE REMAINED WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.

Dr. Quo was honoured at a send-off luncheon by representatives of the Chinese community in Britain. Dr. P. W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, acted as chief host, and Dr. C. C. Wang, Chairman of the Chinese Purchasing Commission in London, was among other representatives of the Chinese community present.

Dr. Quo, in a brief speech, stressed the necessity of national unity and cooperation in resistance to attain China's freedom and equality in the world.—Central News.

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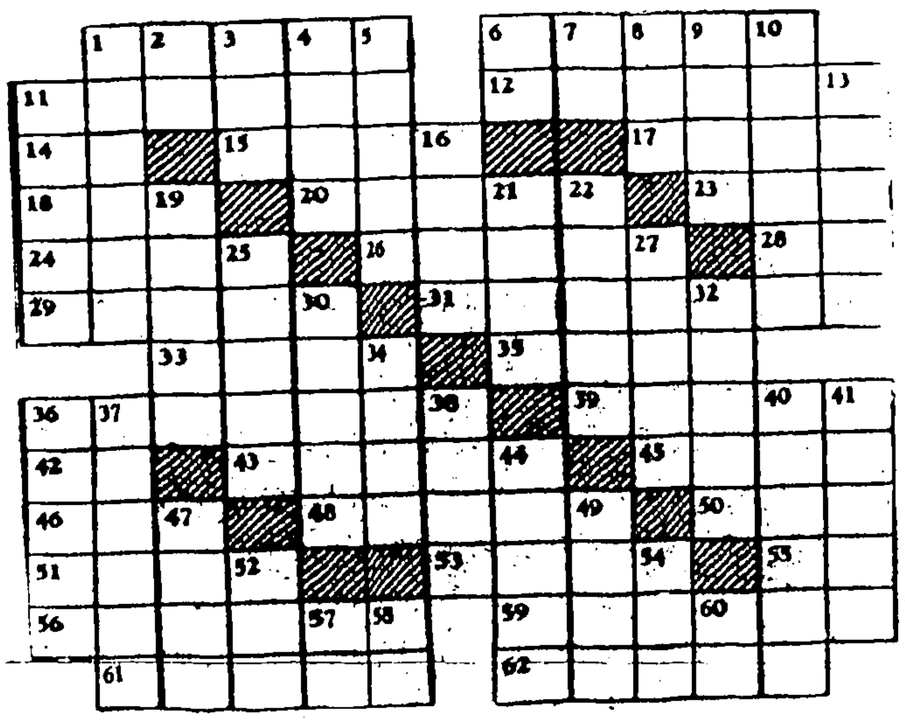

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11 Colloquial: to steal
12 Huge men
14 Babylonian deity
15 European mountains
17 Additional
18 Clamour
20 Vegetable dish
23 Humorist
24 Poetic: enough
26 Prying tool
28 Symbol for sodium
29 To save for future use
31 To reveal
33 Hindu deity
35 Cupola
36 Excuse
39 Book of fiction
42 French article
43 Silkworms
45 Network
46 Philippine island ward division
48 Chinese coin
50 To fall behind
51 Back of the neck
53 Prevaricated
55 Hebrew letter
56 Coronets
59 Neither masculine nor feminine
61 Beast of burden
62 Scandinavian literary works

VERTICAL

1 Unusual
2 You and me
3 Greek letter
4 Cloth measures
5 Asiatic country
6 Symbol for silver
7 Note of scale
8 Dutch weight
9 Frozen water-crystals
10 Cord
11 Interprets
13 Bristles
16 Winter vehicle
19 Slip-knot
21 Eager
22 City in England
25 To compose
27 Unverified report
30 To turn inside out
32 Even
34 Line on which something rotates
36 Shrub
37 To sell in small quantities
38 Appendage
40 Camping places
41 Light and fine
44 River in France
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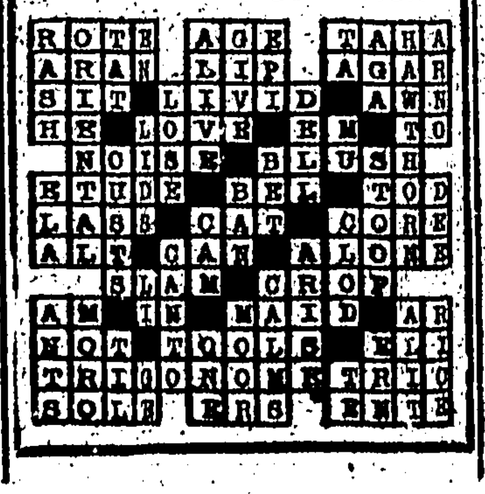

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AXIS STOCK SLUMPS

GERMANS NOT SO POPULAR IN JAPAN

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE Japanese think about Germany? He thinks that his Government thought it expedient, at a time when England appeared to be in greatest danger, to tie up with Germany, and now he has begun to wonder very seriously whether that was wise, writes a special correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald." What does he think about Italy? He doesn't think about Italy at all.

It would be a mistake to describe the Japanese as pro-German, or pro-British; they are merely pro-Japanese. Certainly you find plenty of now generally elderly business men who are pro-British, and plenty of militarists who are pro-Nazis. But they are not representative.

The average Japanese, waiting in the Ginza, and meditating on the quality of sake these days, or, on who is going to win the sumo-wrestling tournament, cares no more about the respective merits and demerits of British and Germans than the average Australian care about the respective virtues of Senegalese and Annamites. He is alarmed, perhaps, by what he considers American belligerence; he usually lets it go at that.

Among the minority who makes policies and public opinion, of course, it is a different matter. They are very much alive to the situation. They are beginning to wonder whether they have not been left holding the Axis bag.

At the time when the tripartite alliance was signed, a large number of Japanese firmly believed that Britain was about to collapse and that in cooperation with a friendly Germany, Japan could proceed to repartee the world, taking as her share a protectorate over the East Indies, Thai, Indo-China, and Burma for a start. In the first flush of enthusiasm Nazis were encouraged or at least allowed to enter Japan in droves. Now there are some thousands. On one plea and another they wormed their way into Japanese departments.

"Background Workers"

Because Japan was frightened of Communists, and Germany was notoriously anti-Communist, German advisers were allowed in the departments concerned with internal safety. Germany signed her agreement with the Soviet and staggered the Japanese, who are in some respects an ingenuous people. But the advisers remained.

These fifth columnists of Hitler likewise made their way into other departments. They have succeeded in subverting portion of the Press and even getting anti-Jewish drivel published, although the average Japanese would not know a Jew from a jeroboam.

The German Embassy is reported to subsidise one Japanese journal to the extent of 20,000 yen a month — probably in smuggled yen at that, bought at depreciated rates in Shanghai.

German language students are scattered all over the country. In Manchoukuo Germans ride about the country lording it over the inhabitants. Being unable to get their propaganda material out of Germany, they have made Japan the base for the printing of vast quantities of German publicity which is being dumped in the South American countries. At the same time they are stirring up anti-American sentiment.

They are background workers. Their social behaviour is impeccable. There are no frictions in Tokyo's extraordinarily cosmopolitan foreign community. The Imperial Hotel in Tokyo to-day is filled with a larger proportion of the world's diplomats, official and backstairs, spies and counter-spies, log-rollers, and lobbyists, than has probably gathered together since the great days of espionage in Switzerland in the last war.

Here you may find Germans and Americans, Vichy Frenchmen, and de Gaulle Frenchmen, Italians, Poles, Thailanders, Chinese, Indians, South Americans, Dutchmen, Scandinavians, people who have escaped from Finland, over the Siberian railway, refugees from Hitler, all sorts and conditions of people from every corner of the world.

Realities Of The Situation

The explanation is that the Japanese-German-Italian tie-up was interpreted as expediency, and that Japan has no more intention of swallowing Nazi "ideology" than it has of conferring upon Chiang Kai-shek the Order of the Chrysanthemum.

But the extent of the German drive for Japanese support is not to be minimised. The Nazis have made "cultural" penetration a fine art, and, indeed, have left other nations standing. No less a personage than Richard Strauss, composed special music for the 2600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire, you can buy the records in Tokyo to-day. There are finely produced German magazines for sale at low prices printed in English, of course, for Axis and non-Axis alike must speak it in Japan.

It is curious to hear someone saying in perfect English to a Japanese, "Well, did you hear the good news about the fleet?" and to realise that he is a German, and that it is to German claims that he is referring.

In spite of all this, the Japanese are faced by very thought-provoking realities. The China War does not show the slightest sign of conclusion; the United States has adopted what is construed to be a threatening attitude; and the Soviet Government is quietly squeezing the Japanese in the north, exacting a concession here, a concession there. Japan has acquired two allies, one of whom is useless, in any case, and the other unable to render any practical assistance. And she has around her in a far from friendly condition three of the largest and two of the most powerful countries in the world—China, Soviet Russia, and the United States.

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The set demonstrated by Mr. Baird would cost £200. It includes ordinary and colour television, a radiogram and an all-wave wireless receiver.

A television set, both for ordinary and colour, with a screen five inches by four, would cost £30.

TYPHUS OUTBREAK IN SPAIN

Spanish government authorities have imposed rigid sanitation measures in an effort to stem an epidemic of typhus. At least 200 cases of the disease have been reported. Of the total, 40 were fatal. Typhus is a contagious fever marked by a peculiar rash, with delirium followed by stupor. -- Associated Press.

GERMAN INVASION REHEARSAL

A full-dress rehearsal for an invasion of Britain was recently carried out by the German Army in cooperation with the Reich Navy and Air Fleet on the Island of Rugen, in the Baltic, in the presence of Field Marshals Walther von Reichenau and Gunther von Kluge, according to a report from the Berlin correspondent of the pro-German Stockholm paper "Aftonbladet."

"The tactical task of the participating units was an attack from the sea on the cliffs of Rugen and a consequent landing, with as little loss as possible, of a large number of troops," writes the correspondent, who adds that "the Rugen cliffs are remarkably like those of England on the Channel coast."

Observers in Stockholm, while admitting the manoeuvres might have taken place are inclined to believe the dispatch from the correspondent, who is known to be a mouthpiece of the Wilhelstrasse, might well be also a new German contribution to the war of nerves, aimed especially to impress Sweden and other more-or-less neutrals such as Turkey.

Berlin military circles assert that the Rugen manoeuvres permitted many interesting observations.

STORY OF U.S. CHAIN GANG

WHEN A 15-YEAR-OLD NEGRO BOY WAS BROUGHT BEFORE NEW YORK MAGISTRATES WITH A REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION TO GEORGIA AS A FUGITIVE, HE ALLEGED THAT THE CRUELLEST PUNISHMENTS OF THE GEORGIA CHAIN GANGS STILL EXISTED.

The boy, Jay Gould Cotton, had been sentenced to ten years for stealing 50 dollars.

He alleged he had seen men beaten for minor infractions and locked in the dreaded "sweatbox" when the offences were serious. Cotton said he escaped because the labour was so severe.

The magistrate remanded the boy and appointed to negro attorney to represent him.

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THE FAITH OF LORD HALIFAX

The address of Lord Halifax to the Pilgrims the other day was neither easy platitude nor shrill cry of a wounded lion for help, but rather the confession of a faith that has passed through fire and been refined.

The new British Ambassador who trusted in Munich and found himself betrayed, was a resident of London during the disillusionment of Norway, the anxiety of Dunkirk and the aerial bombings until January, and when he spoke of his sadness in saying farewell to his home in England "at such times as these" he was remembering a home under deadly attack.

But out of frightfulness and shock he emerged to speak in calm tones concerning the responsibilities of victory and the genuine cooperative search for peace and prosperity.

It was a realistic speech. Lord Halifax was quite aware that a new world was being born from the present suffering and that "the upheaval now convulsing the nations will not leave things as they were."

It was also a proud speech—the British Commonwealth, "which by the quality of its resolution is the bastion of world defence to-day!"

But it was essentially a view of the future and a pledge to mankind—offered to questioning Americans and Nazi-enslaved Germans and to "all men and all nations of good will" everywhere. The Ambassador faced the war with the blunt practicality of a Churchill and the humane liberalism of a Roosevelt, the two linked together.

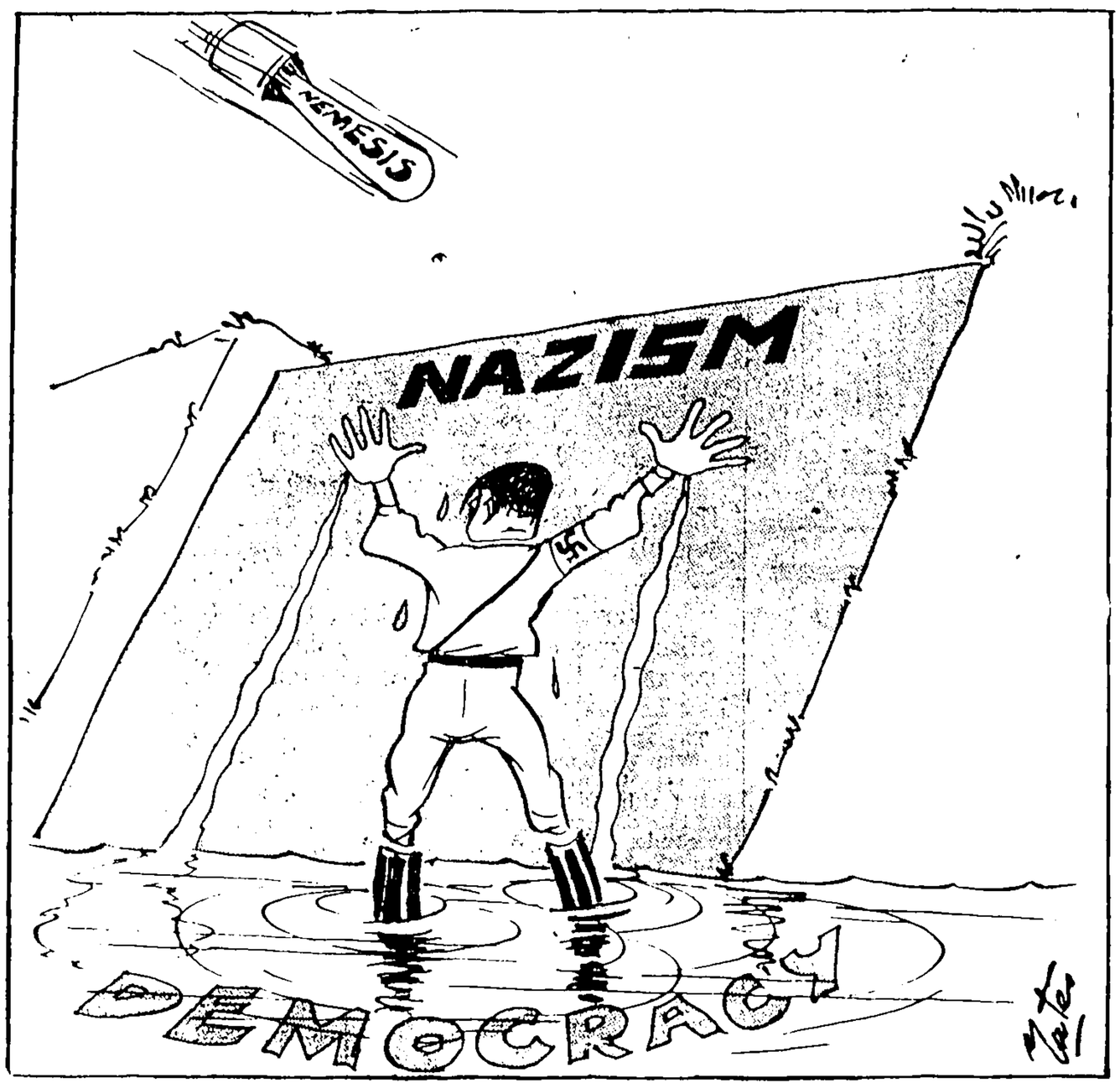
"This, then, is why we are at war," he said, "—to save our freedom from being murdered, as it has been successively murdered . . ." in the long roll-call of European victims. His principal war aim was "to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom.

"But even the achievement of victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we can also achieve that which must be the greatest peace aim, of securing the world, so far as it is within human power to do so, against a repetition of this tragedy."

He was sure that the fighters for freedom would win this victory. He held "a conviction that is unshakeable that the British people will not be unworthy of the cause by which they stand."

Lord Halifax in his analysis of war aims offered no blueprint or rigid mould. He disregarded any such line-upon-line speculations. But he offered a programme the appeal of which cannot be lost upon sincere and courageous peoples anywhere in the globe. His enumeration of principles and fundamental rights rang true. His pledges to work for a world of co-operation, mutual consideration, generous exchange and the remedying of impoverishment will evoke aspirations.

The faith which Lord Halifax set forth in this first speech of his as Ambassador contained no echo of Tory England, but represented a force which all must recognise as the voice of a renewed England, exalted by sacrifice.



SURGING FLOOD WATERS

The New U-Boat Campaign

By Robert P. Post

As the campaign of the Atlantic develops so there develops with it the old question of the U-boats—those lurking undersea weapons which are still the Germans' chief naval weapon.

In comparing the British and German fleets it must always be remembered that the two nations started this war on an entirely different basis from that in 1914. Then Kaiser Wilhelm II had become imbued with Admiral Mahan's ideas of sea power and had built up a fleet that, while inferior to the Royal Navy in power, was nevertheless capable of taking on the full weight of the British Home Fleet.

Hitler had an entirely different idea. The big battleships are luxuries that only big nations can afford. The modern German Navy is not designed for the traditional form of fleet action. It is designed to cover swift blows by troops, such as those on Norway.

Difficult To Catch

It is designed to prey on commerce with raiders. It is dangerous and annoying and infinitely difficult to hunt down.

It is designed to cooperate with the Luftwaffe. Finally it is designed by means of submarines and yet more submarines to prey on British commerce.

Any analysis of the U-boat fleet is dangerous, since it must inevitably involve the most flagrant kind of guessing. First, German submarines are being sunk at an undetermined and unannounced rate; three were sunk recently in a very short space of time. Second, it is impossible to tell, even if one saw every signal the Admiralty received, just how many submarines are actually sunk.

Very often a submarine has been heavily attacked and bubbles of oil appeared, but the submarine returned safely to port. The Germans have been known to shoot out debris and even clothing from a torpedo tube while lying safely on the bottom. There is even one case in the World War when a British Q-ship blew off the conning tower and captured the captain of a U-boat and she still returned to her base.

Third, there is no way here of knowing how many Nazi submarines have been built or are building.

Effect Of R.A.F. Raids

British air raids may have interfered somewhat with their building, but there is no information definite enough to enable any one to make a really accurate deduction on the present shape of the German undersea fleet.

"Submarine warfare has certainly been improved since the last war. Engines are better, listening devices have progressed from a rudimentary phase to a high scientific level.

Improvements in construction have resulted in submarines that can withstand harder attacks than could their predecessors. Periscopes are more elaborate and the whole technique of the submarine's attack has probably been improved. Whether there has been any radical change in U-boat design, anything more than refinements, remains to be seen.

There is a report that the Germans have brought out a small short-range U-boat that can be shipped overland easily. For that matter so can the bigger ones, at least in pieces. This small submarine is supposed to be manned by a crew of five men or fewer. Its short range is not so very important when it is considered how close the new German bases are to Britain's vital sea lanes.

The biggest improvements probably have been in the speed and methods of construction. It would appear the German submarines can now be turned out in shorter time than previously.

But Britain has never been particularly worried over this factor. The important things are not the ships but the crews. It takes five years to make a good submarine sailor, seven years to make a commander and months to make a good submarine team. Therefore, it is the loss of men that is regarded as most important when a U-boat is sunk.

Secret Listening Device

On balance, it may be possibly said that actual technical progress against the submarine has gone further than that of the U-boat since the last war. The greatest single advance has been in the secret but simple listening device with which all British hunters are now equipped.

So good is this system that, where in the World War it took perhaps fifteen ships two or three days to clear a suspected area of submarines, to-day three or four ships can do the job in a few hours.

Navy men also have their new type of submarine hunter. These corvettes are designed on the model of the chasers used in whaling. They are fast, but above all are manoeuvrable—can turn "on a dime and have 5 cents left over." They have already proved their worth as escorts; and 'planes are also proving of great use.

But all the new devices in the world would not be a good substitute for the most important thing—ships and more ships. Not only ships to hunt the submarines, but ships to replace the ones they sink. The real answer to the submarine menace lies far behind the lines of actual battle;

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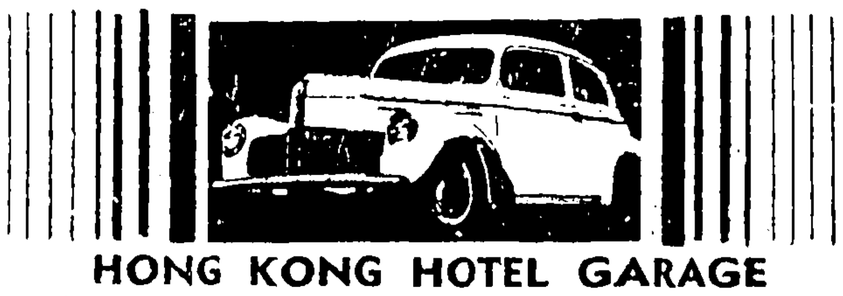

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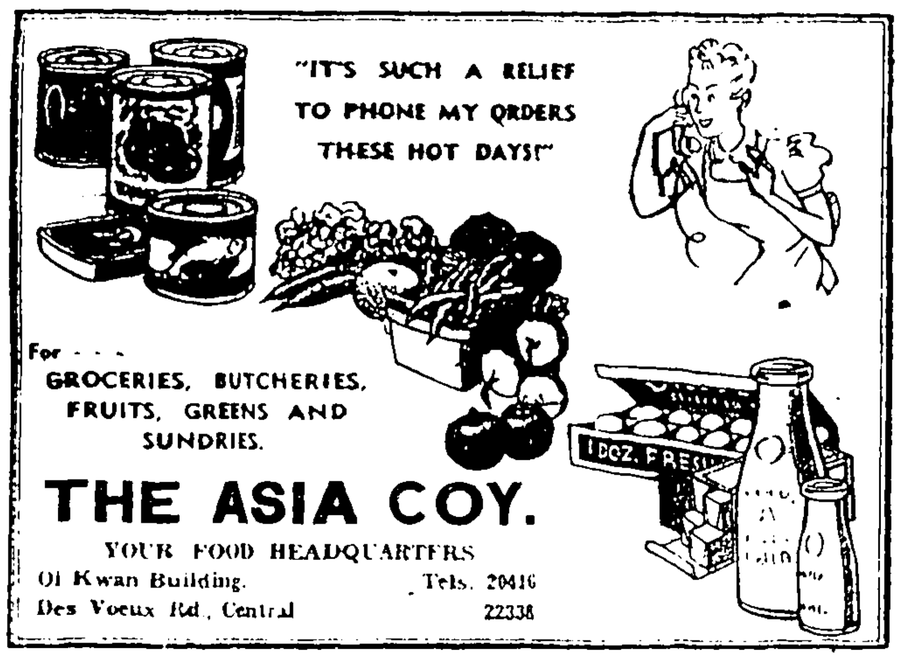

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ANGLO-GERMAN ECONOMIC BATTLE

TRADE AGENTS' WAR FOR GOODS IN EAST

A NEVER-ENDING BATTLE OF WITS AND WILES AND DOLLARS IS BEING WAGED BY BRITISH AND GERMAN TRADE AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE FAR EAST.

This contest is one phase of the economic war between Great Britain and Germany, a fight in which the effectiveness of the British blockade is at stake.

German agents, aided by their Japanese Axis allies, are engaged in tapping world markets for some of the important economic materials needed by Hitler's blockaded armies and industries.

The British government's job is to keep these materials from falling into German hands and then being shipped to Europe through the Far Eastern leak in the British blockade, at Vladivostok. The United States, cooperating with Britain, has already taken action to prevent any of the products vital to its defence programme from reaching Germany.

Order Through Japanese

One recent example of successful German circumvention of British vigilance was the purchase of 600 tons of south Brazil cotton. The order was placed by a Japanese firm through an Italian broker in New York, who purchased the cotton in Santos, Brazil. A Japanese vessel carried it to Japan, where it was transhipped to Shanghai and then reshipped by Soviet freighter to Vladivostok, the eastern terminus of the trans-Siberian railway.

The German agents work openly in Japan, and through secret connections in cities throughout the Far East, including Manila, Tientsin, Peking, Saigon and Haiphong.

A Haiphong firm recently attempted to purchase 30,000 bales of United States cotton from American and British dealers. An American firm accepted part of the order and shipped 9,950 bales early in March. Subsequently, British officials became suspicious that the cotton was destined for Germany, and the American government refused to release frozen Indo-China credits for further purchases.

British Foil Shipment

British espionage frequently short-circuits German plans. Recently a British economic agent in Shanghai overheard a conversation between a Japanese businessman and a Nazi official.

A few hours later, British destroyers nosed up to a Japanese freighter anchored at Durban, in South Africa. From the hold stevedores unloaded a number of linting machines—used in preparing gun cotton. The machines were under consignment to a Japanese firm in Shanghai, but the British agent had learned they were actually en route to Germany.

To aid them in keeping goods flowing to their homeland, German commercial representatives in Shanghai were reported to have been furnished $10,000,000 in Amercian banknotes since the first of this year. The money was understood to have been confiscated in Belgium, Holland and other occupied countries.

German-purchased supplies are forwarded from the Far East by the trans-Siberian railway, which is choked far beyond capacity with Europe-bound freight.

Trains Go West Daily

There are now two cargo trains daily to the west on the trans-Siberian line, each heavily laden with goods which foreign trade experts believe are helping Germany defy the British blockade.

One train starts the 5,211-mile haul at Vladivostok, Siberian terminus of the railway. It carries 1,800 to 2,000 tons of cargo daily, in 75 to 100 small cars of 20 tons each.

The other train starts from Manchouli, the junction of the Japanese-owned South Manchuria Railway and the southern spur of the trans-Siberian line. Running in three sections, it carries 1,500 tons of cargo a day. The SMR hauls much of this freight from the ports of Dairen and Fusan to Manchouli.

Thus the total shipments by the trans-Siberian—if as experts believe, they nearly all reach Germany—equal the amount that would be carried by one freighter slipping through the British blockade each day. While relatively small, the shipments are considered important to Germany. China's southwestern lifeline, the Burma road, carries only one-tenth of the trans-Siberian traffic on its record days.

Ship Lines Profit

Soviet shipping lines, engaged in feeding the railway, are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. Five Soviet freighters are now being refitted in Shanghai, the first Russian ships to visit here in four years. One of them is being equipped as a refrigerator vessel, for the reported purpose of carrying frozen eggs from Shanghai to Vladivostok, for reshipment to Germany.

Japanese shippers are also profiting, and the hitherto little known and little used ports of western Japan are crowded with cargoes bound for Vladivostok and Dairen. Many Japanese vessels formerly operating on European runs are now plying the sea of Japan to the Asiatic mainland.

Until recently American goods, and especially certain metals, were an important part of his trans-Siberian trade and many American products were also reaching Japan through Shanghai.

These leaks have been effectively plugged by enforcement of what amounts to a blanket embargo preventing shipment to Shanghai of nearly all articles on the American export licence list.—Associated Press.

TICKLING THE TROOPS

Soldiers, issued with long combination-style woollen pants, are cutting the legs off because they don't like 'em — and in some camps are being fined 3s. 6d. as a punishment.

Pant parade has become the order of the week.

Why do "drawers-wollen"—that's the official title—annoy the troops?

"They tickle," said one soldier.

Another declared they hurt his pride and made him look silly. "Why, I'm shy to let my wife see me in them," he said.

Others said long pants were uncomfortable, made the back of their legs sore and restricted movement.

Military office staff complained they are too hot to wear indoors.

A War Office official said the pants are valued at 7s. 6d. a pair.

"Drawers-cellular, summer wear issue, are short," he added. "Drawers-woollen are always long."

A soldier explained that they could not wear the summer ones in winter; they were too cold. So they cut the legs off the woollens.

"This pays in the end," he said. "After all, you can't buy a new pair of short woollen pants for 3s. 6d."

BLACK RECORD OF NAZI CRUELTY

THERE IS NO RESPITE in the German terrorism practised in Poland. Every day brings new examples of inhuman cruelties and shootings on the slightest pretext.

For instance, in the village of Szczuczki, near Lublin, the German police found recently some rounds of ammunition hidden in a garden. Immediately the whole village was surrounded by the Germans and 200 peasants shut in a granary, which was set on fire. People who tried to escape from the blazing building were shot down.

All the inhabitants of the village of Konopica, also near Lublin, were executed; in the village of Radowlec, where a German had been killed by a bandit, eighty men were shot.

Helpers Shot

Count Alvensleben conducted a "punitive" expedition to the village of Jozefow Maly. When the lorries with his men stuck in the mud, the Germans asked peasants from a nearby village to help them and then shot eleven men who did so. In eight villages where Alvensleber's expedition "worked" 260 people were shot, among them seven boys only eleven years old.

A Polish worker has been sentenced to death "for desertion from his work in Germany." Another, aged seventeen, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment "for using insulting words about the Fuehrer," and still another, aged nineteen, received a similar sentence because "he described the political and economic situation of the Reich as unfavourable."

In the district of Zywiec, near Cracow, the Archduke Stephen of Habsburg had his estates and breweries, the prosperity of which remained unimpaired during the Polish rule.

Population Ejected

Now it is reported that villages and hamlets in the district were recently surrounded by detachments of the S.S., families ejected from their houses and farms, searched and then herded near the railway stations. Money, watches and even wedding rings were confiscated and many peasants who resisted were beaten and kicked by the Black Guards. The farms of the peasants have been "taken over" by the German colonists from Volhynia.

When news of the German action spread in the district, peasants from the villages still unaffected started to kill cows and horses and set fire to their houses. Every morning on the doors of the local police stations hens and chickens hung with a note. "They preferred to hang themselves rather than to be stolen by the Germans." The ejected population behaved heroically. When columns of peasant families passed through villages on their way to the railway stations they sang patriotic songs.

A Pomeranian group-leader of the S.S. has explained in an interview in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" that "the fight for the extermination of the Polish population in the Eastern areas of Europe has only begun. The noble tradition of the Teutonic Knights is a living reality again. All Germans working now in Poland are the Teutonic Knights of the twentieth century."

It should be recalled that the ancient Teutonic Knights, who under the cover of converting the heathens to Christendom conducted in the Middle Ages in East Prussia, Pomerania and Lithuania the most ruthless extermination policy, were noted for their cruelty. The German youth organisation has for years shown a preference for the traditions of the Teutonic Knights.

PILOT GETS HOME ON ONE ENGINE AND HALF A RUDDER

HOW THE SKILL of a pilot and the toughness of an aircraft won a victory against a German night fighter and brought crew and bomber safely home on one engine and with half the rudder gone, is told by the Air Ministry news service.

On the way back from an attack on a German town a Messerschmidt intercepted the bomber and at the beginning of the encounter put one of its engines out of action.

Bullets pierced the fuselage, broke the wireless apparatus and wounded one of the crew in the shoulder.

Then the enemy came boldly on to attack from the rear but too boldly and the tip of his wing smashed into the bomber's rudder, half the rudder came away but the enemy obviously had the worst of the collision. He dived steeply away and apparently out of control.

But to control the bomber the pilot had to use all his skill.

The bomber seemed to be hobbling along and on the way back over Germany and Holland it could not be got above 700 feet.

Towns and villages looked uncomfortably close and by the time it reached the Dutch coast it was down to 500 feet.

Chanced The Sea

The pilot thought it would be better to chance the sea rather than land in Holland and be taken prisoner. To lighten the aircraft they threw out everything loose.

Then they discovered that a heavy bomb was still underneath them shrapnel from A. A. guns must have disorganised the release apparatus when they were over the target. As soon as the bomb was clear the pilot was able to get up to 1,000 feet though the aircraft was still difficult to steer. But he managed to keep it on the course and safely crossed the North Sea and landed without further mishap. British Wireless

"SIR PART": A THREAT

On the day before the announcement that he had received a Knighthood threats were made against the life of Mr. P. J. Dollan, Labour Lord Provost of Glasgow.

He described the recent broadcast speech of the Prime Minister to Italy as expressing the feelings of the nation.

Now he has received the following letter, written on black-edged notepaper and headed "Death to Dollan":—

"You ought to think shame of yourself, praising a Tory like Churchill. You who claim to be a Socialist are only an upstart. You have forgotten all your promises to the workers, and are now revealed in your true colours as a Fascist cad and cur.

"The secret six in council are watching your every movement, because three gunmen have been appointed to shoot at sight the loathsome Dollan.

"The prophet's words will come true. You will be Saint Pat before you are Sir Pat."

HEMINGWAYS AT TEA RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hemingway were guests of honour at a tea reception in Chungking yesterday afternoon given jointly by nine cultural organisations, including the Chinese Institute of Journalism, the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign, and the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations.—Central News.

PASTOR ON CHARGES OF THEFT

A pastor was accused at Liverpool of stealing £63 he had collected to provide a canteen and comforts for soldiers.

Against the Rev. James Fitzgerald Crawford, aged thirty-four, of Broadgreen Road, minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Ireland Halls-lane, Liverpool, were five charges of false pretences and theft.

He was accused of having obtained by fraud a cheque for £130 from Alfred Cyril William Thrush and cheques for £20 from Clifford Briggs.

Mr. H. R. Balmer, prosecuting, said the complaintant in the first case was a fellow clergyman.

It was alleged that Crawford got the £130 cheque by saying his annual returns to his church were due and he could not forward them unless he could certify he had £200 in his bank.

He was said to have got other cheques by saying he wanted the money to buy food for his canteen "until the grant from the Army and the war charity came through."

Actually, the prosecution alleged, there was no such grant.

Mr. Balmer said Crawford opened the "Broadgreen Canteen and Comforts Fund" for soldiers in June, created a committee, and received £105. The prosecution alleged that he stole £63.

Crawford was remanded on bail.

WEPT WITH WIDOW VICTIM

An absentee soldier alleged to have wept with a widow and then stolen £7 from her was sent for trial by Liverpool magistrates.

The man, Francis Joseph Banbrough, aged twenty-nine, faced five charges of stealing money and articles from women.

Mr. A. Rawlinson, prosecuting, said that Banbrough wore either the uniform of a soldier, an officer in the Merchant Navy.

He did this to gain the confidence of women whose names and addresses he had got from newspaper notices of the deaths of relatives.

He sympathised with one woman whose husband had been drowned. When she wept he wept with her. While her back was turned he stole her handbag containing £7.

On being committed to Liverpool Sessions, Banbrough said: "I am guilty of all the charges."

JAPANESE DISPLAY EXUBERANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Forty Japanese 'planes flew over Shanghai yesterday afternoon to celebrate the signing of the Japanese-Russian Neutrality Pact.—International News Service.

CORDELL HULL DENOUNCES DICTATORS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a formal message on the eve of Pan-American Day, denounced the Dictators' "brutal disregard of morality" and urged the 21 American Republics to rededicate their energies to defence of the common frontiers and the preservation of freedom.

Mr. Hull proclaimed the keystone of inter-American relations was the "sanctity of the pledged word," which binds the Americas together against European aggression." — International News Service.

ALIENS TO GET BADGE

Friendly aliens working in Britain are to be given official badges: a button for the men and a brooch for the women. The badges design will be a smith forging a sword.

This was announced by the Ministry of Labour, which has set-up a Central Agency to be responsible for making use of the services of these aliens.

There is in Britain a total foreign population of about a quarter of a million.

British Aliens

It is an essential feature in the placing of foreigners in war work here that they shall have the same wages and conditions as British subjects, the Ministry states.

Allied nationals will come under the unemployment and national health insurance systems, and have all the advantages of the social welfare Acts open to the normal citizens of Britain after they have qualified.

A good number will probably be drafted to the Government's training centres.

A special section for women has been set up, and the training centres will shortly be open to them.

Arrangements are being made to open several special exchanges in the London area for certain nationalities, to be run no co-operative lines, with the help of the Allied authorities.

JUNK TRAGEDY NEAR NINEPINS

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"This is a funny one," writes a Hartford, Conn., fan. "Like a pair of idiots, my partner and I missed a cold game in spades. But if we had bid it, the opponents would have gone to five hearts and made it. So we actually benefited by being too conservative."

Last Dealer
North-South vulnerable

North: ♠ A Q 7 2 ♡ Q ♢ K Q 8 4 ♣ K J 8 7
West: ♠ — ♡ K 10 9 8 ♢ 6 3 ♣ 10 9 6 3 2
East: ♠ 8 6 3 ♡ A 4 ♢ A J 5 ♣ 10 9 5 4 2
South: ♠ K J 10 9 5 4 ♡ J 6 2 ♢ 7 2 ♣ Q 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3♡	Dbl
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass

"We're satisfied enough with what actually happened, but can't help wondering how we'd feel if the opponents were unable to do much at five hearts. Then we'd have missed a game with nothing to compensate us for the loss. How should we have bid it?"

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We think that South should jump to four spades over North's double of three hearts. South would be compelled to bid three spades with a pretty poor hand (although he could pass if the hand were poor enough and contained no long or short suits). And if South had such a poor hand, North would be doing the right thing to leave it at three spades since even that contract might be a little dangerous.

But since South has a rather good hand (good, that is, opposite a partner who can afford to ask for a takeout at the level of three or four), he should express his values by bidding four rather than only three spades. That is the type of bid which takes a partner "off the spot."

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♡ 7 2
♢ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Mater
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♢	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner's bid shows game hopes but denies support for spades. Since you have two stoppers in the unbid suit, together with slight extra values not shown by your opening bid, you can afford to suggest game at no-trump.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 40% for four diamonds, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 690

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Mater
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♡	Pass
(?)			
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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CHILD DYING, PIONEER LEFT

Pathetic stories were told when several Pioneers were court-martialled in London for being absent without leave.

Of Private Frank Sellars, who denied deserting H.M. Forces, his own officer, Captain Robinson, who defended him, said he had to refuse the man leave, but Sellars went home to see his sick child, who had since died.

"Sellars," said Captain Robinson, "thought so much of his kiddie that it has affected his mental balance, and he has been wandering round not knowing where he was."

Pioneer Colin Stead was said to have had no leave since going to France in December, 1939. He twice absented himself to see his child, who was seriously ill with pneumonia, but had since recovered.

For Private Robert Ord it was pleaded that the horrors which he experienced in the last war when he received shell shock, were revived last November when a bomb fell near him while he was on leave in Newcastle.

He lost his steel helmet and railway voucher, wandered about not knowing what he was doing, and was arrested by the civil police at Luton while returning to his company.

Decision in all cases will be promulgated.

PLANS "DO" FOR WAR CAPTIVES

After raising nearly a quarter of a million for its war weapons week—which aimed at £100,000—Farnham, Surrey, has another cause.

It has a big proportion of prisoners of war in Germany—nearly 200—and Tom Baker, a greengrocer in the town, means to give them a "big do" when they come home.

He is making himself personally responsible for collecting at least £100 for this. "Anything over that, of course, will be welcome.' Tom told a reporter. "The more money, the bigger the do."

Already he has collected £14 11s.

Mrs. Farrow, of Union Street, gave the fund a good kick-off with £2 in thankfulness for her son's escape from Dunkirk.

Tom explained that the Farnham men belonged to a Surrey battalion which was surrounded by the enemy without much chance of escaping.

CHURCHILL—IN DOZENS!

After working as a tool maker at an aircraft factory during the night, a young man comes home and by day turns out plaster casts of Mr. Churchill.

He has already made—and sold—dozens of them. One of the first went to Mrs. Churchill, who wrote praising his workmanship and the life-like features.

John Douglas, of Golders Green, N.W., had been a waiter, a carpenter, a bricklayer and a steeplejack before he took up sculpture.

His Mr. Churchill has the famous grin, the walking-stick, the cigar, and the celebrated hat.

"The trouble is I can't turn them out fast enough," he told a reporter.

"I've sent a small batch to a London stores and am sure of selling them by the hundred—but I can turn out only about twenty-five a week. Each is hand-cast and coloured.

"I started work as a waiter at a West End hotel. My father, who is director of a family concern owning hotels and restaurants, wanted me to learn the business. I became manager of a seaside hotel.

Sudden Urge

"Then I spent a year as a bricklayer and another as carpenter.

"It was while watching a film that I had a sudden urge to try my hand at sculpture. I started in earnest and after a while managed to make a bare living by making and selling masks."

Douglas tried to join the R.A.F., but they couldn't take him, so he went to work in an aircraft factory.

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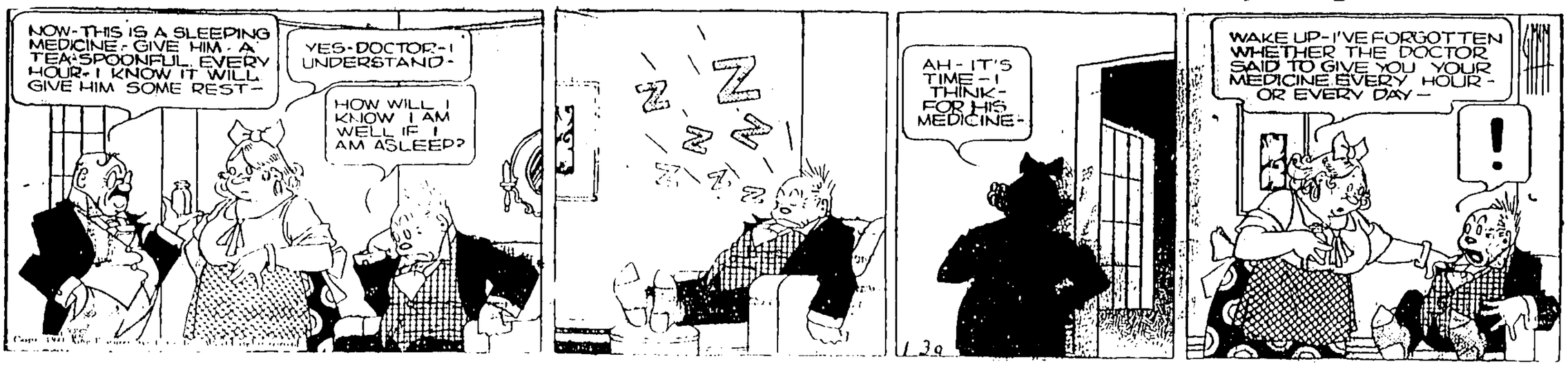
Bringing Up Father — **By George MacManus**



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Correct Powder Shade

Months of living long hours indoors, glimpsing the sun only as we hustle along to lunch, makes the skin sallow which is not in tune with the vogue for healthy, fresh-looking faces. The answer to this beauty problem is to select a face powder with a deeper, warmer tone than what you have been using.

If you are blond and have been in the habit of matching your skin with a light natural powder, try either a rose cream or a new sunlight shade, and see how your skin takes on life and beauty. Rose cream has a warm pink undertone, lovely with blond hair and blue eyes. The sunlight shade (as you might guess) has a rich glow in it- makes you into a sun maiden instantly! Both of these shades may also be used by brunettes with ivory skin who like to contrast pale skin with dark eyes and hair.

The olive-skinned brunettes, however, will find these shades too light to warm their skins with an outdoor glow. Let them powder of medium tone, a rose dawn or brunette. Very dusky brunettes need still deeper shades and two have been mixed and with lovely rose tones - one lighter, one darker.

Before experimenting with new powder shade you must examine your skin most carefully when it is free of all make-up and while you are standing in the streaming sunlight. You know with it never paint flesh with pink and white tones alone. They mix in a little green, or blue, or rose or purple, to get that translucent texture which is so difficult to describe but so desired by all women.

Really good powders are mixed with these shades too, so they may actually blend with your current skin tone. You must select a powder shade which will very slightly exaggerate the colours you see in your skin as you stand in the sunlight, mirror in hand.

You may slip the first choice you make, for colours are tricky business, even for experts, but try until you hit the perfect shade which warms up your skin.

Thus bringing the sun indoors with powder is the best way possible to freshen up a winter-weary skin, and as spring blossoms into summer, and you actually do get kissed by the good sun's rays, you simply keep deepening your powder to the proper shade.

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WAR BRINGS BRITAIN MORE BABIES

IN THE EARLY PART of 1940 more than 6,500 babies a week were born in England and Wales, and it is believed that this figure was more than doubled in the later weeks of the year.

The Registrar-General's annual report, just issued, indicates that 1940 will show a high level both for births and marriages.

More people than ever got married in 1939. The number of marriages was 437,406 — a record.

There were 75,638 more weddings than in 1938.

The figures show, as they did in the last war, that as life becomes more hazardous, more people marry, more babies are born, and the proportion of boy babies to girls rises.

Sugar For Girls

Why are more boys born in wartime than in peace?

Many believe it is Nature's way of making good the wastage of war.

One explanation is that as most war marriages are between young women and men in the Services, who are more physically fit than in peace-time, there is a tendency for the stronger partner to reproduce his own sex.

Another theory, based partly on figures of the last war, is that a shortage of foods containing sugar encourages the birth of boys. In countries where food conditions were bad in 1914-18 considerably more boys than girls were born.

Expert Aid Available

Factors which influence the increase in births include bigger allowances for the dependants of men in the Forces and the larger number of welfare centres. Women know that wherever they are they are within reach of a maternity centre where expert help and advice are available.

Live births in 1939 totalled 621,204 and the birth rate was 15.1 per thousand of the population—0.2 higher than in 1937, 0.8 higher than in 1936 and 0.7 higher than in 1933.

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The gay young blade says life may begin at 40 but he just can't wait that long to start living.

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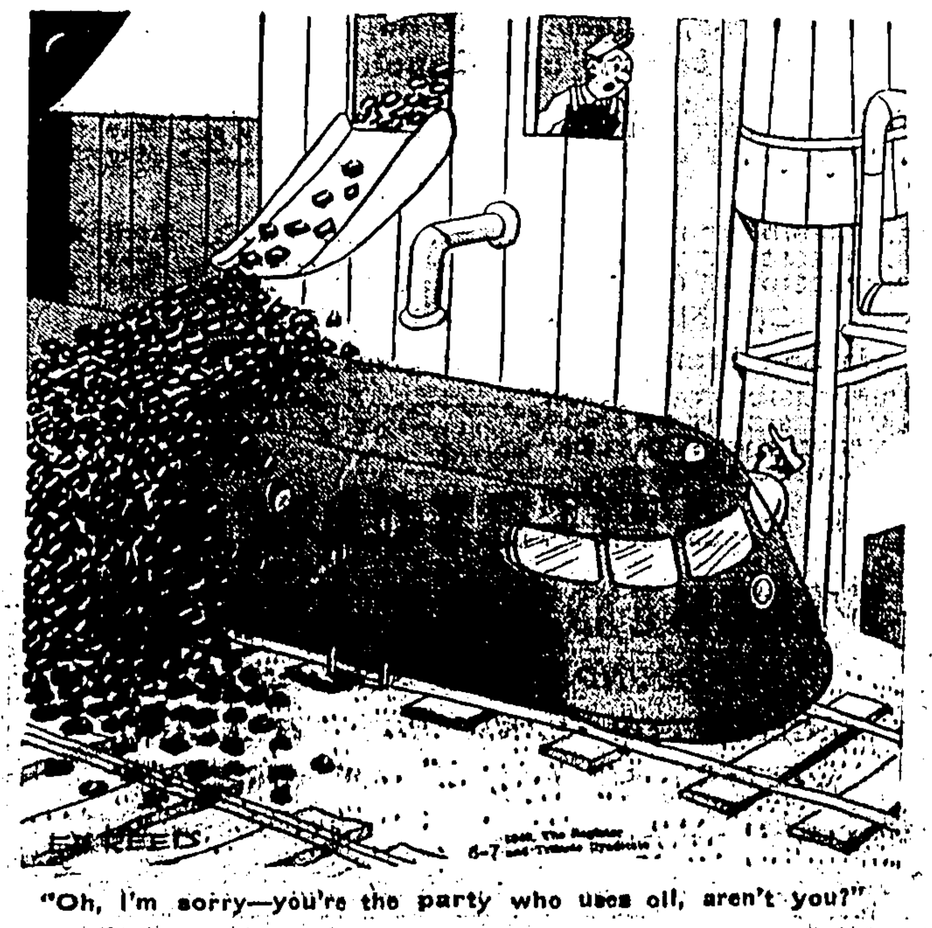

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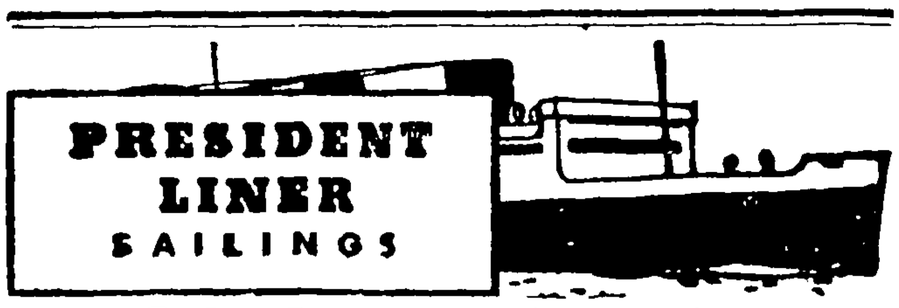

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1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Remember September (Noel-Pelosi). Love Stay in my Heart (from 'Top of the World') Les Allen with Instr acc Organ: Dixon Hits No 21 - Intro Tears in my heart, In my little red book, Once in a while, The pretty little patchwork quilt, The girl in the Alice Blue Gown, Don't ever change Reginald Dixon Humorous Monologue The Voice of Inexperience Oliver Wakefield Piano I Was Lucky (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere'). Rhythm of the Rain, Intro Valentine (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere') Renata Vocal Let's Break the Good News (Davis) Les Allen with Novelty acc

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr Percy) Alfredo & His Orchestra Funiculi-Funicula (Denza); La Danza (Rossini) ...Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. & Chorus Gipsy Princess Waltz (Kalman); In Gypsy Land (arr. Michaeloff) ... Alfredo & His Orchestra. Olympia's Aria The Doll's Song ('Tales of Hoffmann' — Offenbach) ... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra Old Bohemian Town (Kennedy); Cara Mia (Slevier & Prisker) ... Alfredo & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme.
Rhapsody in Blue... Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler. Piano: J. M. Sanroma. Bess, You Is My Woman Now (from 'Porgy & Bess') Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch. Strike Up The Band (from the Musical Comedy)....Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler. Summer Time (from 'Porgy & Bess')... Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Studio—Talk by William Jenkins on "The Experiences of an International Red Cross Relief Worker in China".
8.15 p.m.—Popular Classics.
Arab Dance from Tchaikowsky's 'Nutcracker Suite'...Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orch. Serenade (Schubert) Herbert Janssen (Baritone) with Piano 'Midsummer Night's Dream'—Scherzo (Mendelssohn); The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel) ... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano). Ave Maria (Schubert)....Erna Berger (Soprano) with String Quartet. Minuet in G (Paderewski-Kreisler); Minuet (Boccherini)....Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with String Quartet. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot....Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano. Clair De Lune (Debussy); Prelude in C Minor, Op. 28, No. 20; Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 68, No. 2 (both Chopin)....John Hunt (Piano) Alleluia (Mozart) .... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra. Moment Musicale In A Flat Major, Op. 94, No. 6 (Schubert)....William Backhaus (Piano).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme with Joseph Hislop and Moray Macdonald.
Highland Laddie (Carruthers)....New Mayfair Orchestra. Jessie, The Flower of Dunblane (Smith).... Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orch. Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: The Atholl Highlanders; Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie Dundee ....Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Q.O. Cameron Highlanders. The Boatman; Kishmul's Galley ('Songs of the Hebrides'—arr. Kennedy Fraser)...Moray Macdonald (Soprano) with Piano (Singing in Gaelic). Savoy Scottish Medley (arr. Debroy Somers)....New Mayfair Orch. MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn); Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox).... Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show.
Harry Roy & His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Got No Time (from 'Cotton Club Parade'); I'm Gonna Put You In Your Place....'Fats' Waller & His Rhythm. Swing Fox-Trots —Jungle Drums; Back Bay Shuffle ....Artie Shaw & His Orchestra. Tangos—Vieja Amiga; La Maleva ....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Slow Fox-Trot—Sha-Sha; Fox-Trot—The Latin Quarter (film 'The Gay Impostors')....The Six Swingers. Waltz—Where the Shannon Flows Down to the Sea....Billy Cotton & His Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

WAITER STABS GOERING IN CAFE ---AMERICAN REPORT

AN ATTEMPT to assassinate Goering in a famous Paris restaurant has been hushed up by the German authorities of occupation there.

The Frenchman who tried to stab him was shot within an hour of the attempt, but a threat uttered by the man as he was led away has caused Goering to flee from Paris, where for many weeks he strutted and drove about as a truculent conqueror.

John Vanderbilt, an American correspondent in Berlin of a big American radio-network, now in Britain, tells the story.

Vanderbilt, having obtained first information from French sources, asked Braun von Stumm, the Nazi Government spokesman at a Press conference:

"Is it true that an attempt has been made on the life of Field-Marshal Goering? Is it true that a Paris waiter has been shot without trial as a result?"

Vanderbilt says: "Von Stumm choked with rage and, of course, denied it."

The facts are: Goering's custom was to wine and dine at Maxime's, the celebrated Parisian restaurant, with ostentatious ceremonial.

One Waiter Overlooked

Every waiter in the restaurant was hand-picked—or so it was thought.

One had been overlooked — the coffee waiter.

One night, as he laid the coffee pot with one hand he struck a dagger at his back with the other.

He did not know that Goering wore a metal-mesh waistcoat. It deflected the blow, which merely scratched the German's shoulder.

The waiter was pounced on by Goering's guards. Within an hour he was executed.

MERLE OBERON'S ESCAPE

A TAXICAB WHICH GOT OUT OF CONTROL ON THE WARNER LOT AT HOLLYWOOD INJURED THREE EXTRAS AND NARROWLY MISSED MISS MERLE OBERON.

Dennis Morgan, who was showered by broken glass, pulled Miss Oberon out of the way as the taxicab over-turned.

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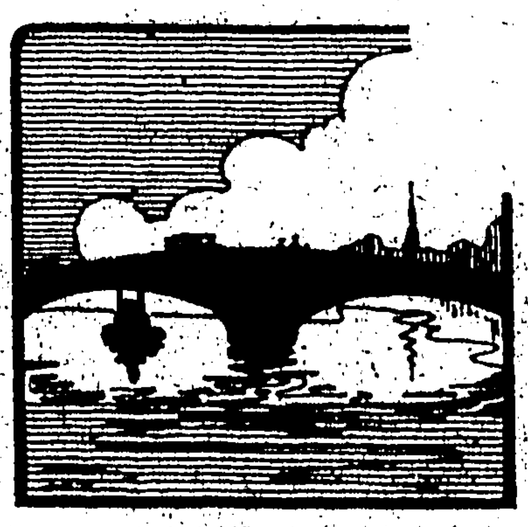

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INDIAN NAVYAT WORK, AT CLOSE QUARTERS

(By Reuter's Correspondent on board a warship of the Royal Indian Navy)

I AM RETURNING TO PORT after a day at sea with the Royal Indian Navy in which I have been able to watch from close quarters something of the unobtrusive but arduous and vital work which India's Navy has been performing since the outbreak of war and the methods by which its ever-growing personnel are training by practical instruction.

As dawn was breaking, I slipped out of harbour on board a mine-sweeper engaged this time not in sweeping operations but in a gunnery practice shoot. On board was a class of gunnery pupils and their instructor.

Dropping a target resembling a U-Boat conning-tower overboard, we moved away in wide circles. Numerous salvoes were fired and the shooting was excellent.

"If it had been a real U-boat she would have been scuppered all right," remarked the instructor, and his pupils grinned happily, for this was their first practical test after long hours of instruction.

Transferring to another warship, I watched a mock dive-bombing attack and saw the crew running to action stations, and later witnessed a demonstration of depth-charge dropping by another batch of pupils.

U-Boat Detection

Finally a third batch of pupils came on board for submarine detection training and we spent a thrilling hour searching out our elusive under-water quarry.

While returning to port I visited the comfortable quarters of officers and ratings. I noted the food arrangements were excellent. They have a well-stocked canteen while a sports committee arranges competitions in various popular indoor games.

As the anchor rattled down on return to port and the liberty-men cheerfully went ashore I reflected that the Indian Navy, by its efficient performance and arduous and difficult yet vital role, is fully maintaining its great traditions.

Rapidly growing in strength as the weeks pass, India's Silent Service in its own quiet way is worthily equalling the magnificent feats of Indian troops overseas. — Reuter.

CAPTURED "DIVING TWIN" IS A BATMAN IN GERMANY NOW

The father of Reginald Shuttleworth, R.A.F. radio operator and gunner, who is now a prisoner in Germany, has received a letter from him stating that he is now quite fit after spending many months in a German hospital receiving treatment for a shrapnel wound in the arm.

He added that he is serving as batman to several English officers.

• Reginald Shuttleworth was a member of the crew of a British bomber which failed to return to its base in France last May. James Shuttleworth, his 22-year-old twin brother, also a radio operator and gunner, was reported missing earlier in the same month and is presumed dead.

The twins were posted to the same squadron in France soon after the war began, and shared the same billet.

Before the war they were known as the "Diving Twins" by members of the London Diving Club, which they represented in several English spring-board diving championships.

HIS BREATH SAVED HER

(By A Special Correspondent)

A girl in danger of suffocating under a pile of wreckage cried to her fiance, "I want to die quickly."

Instead, he took gulps of air and breathed into her mouth, squeezing her ribs to make her breathe. In this way he kept her alive for eight hours until rescued.

Philip Henry Mellor, of Buxton, thirty, a bank clerk, and Molly Beadle, twenty-two, of Taunton, have worked in the same bank at Bristol for five years.

Miss Beadle is still in hospital, and Mellor is staying in Bristol until he can take her home.

She told of the amazing courage and devotion of the man she loves.

"There is no doubt whatever that Harry saved my life," she said.

His Promise

"A woman a foot away from me died from suffocation an hour after the building was hit, and of the six other people who were standing in a hall with us only one, a girl next to Harry, was dug out alive.

"We had only just got engaged and it was really not official.

"We have only told our families so far as we had not meant to get married for six to eight months. But now I hope we shall be able to have our wedding very soon.

"Harry came up to tea with me at a hostel and was caught there by the blitz.

"He had always promised me that he would never leave me in a blitz and that he would protect me, but he offered at first to go outside and put out incendiary bombs.

"Harry and I were standing close together under the arched roof in the hall when the bomb came down. I think the arch must have saved us, since the entire building fell on us.

"Harry flung himself on me to protect me, and he had all the wreckage pressing down on him.

"I could not move an inch, and I was certain we were dying.

"I said to Harry, 'I want to die quickly,' and I tried my very hardest to die at once, but he would not let me.

"He could get a little air, and I found afterwards that he had kept on taking gulps of it and breathing it into my mouth.

"He could just move his fingers, and he told me later he kept pinching me and trying to squeeze my ribs to make me breathe.

"They got us out at ten o'clock in the morning. I could not believe we were alive until I saw daylight, and realised that Harry had carried out his vow."

LOCAL SIKHS & UNITY IN EMPIRE

All Sikhs in the Colony gathered at the Sikh Temple in Gap Road on Sunday to celebrate the Anniversary of The Birthday of Khalsa. Among the Sikhs this day is considered one of the most important occasions and is celebrated with full pomp as on this day, over 24 decades ago, the Sikh Religion was founded by the tenth Guru, Siri Guru Gobind Singh — the last prophet of the Sikh Religion.

The occasion was marked by the presence of the new Police Commissioner the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, as well as Mr. C. G. Perdue, and the Commissioner of Prisons, Major J. Willcocks. Others present included Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Superintendent in Charge Indian Police Contingent and Mr. O. Eager, D. C. P. (reserves) together with many other prominent members of the local Sikh Community.

Prayers were offered both in the morning and evening for the preservance of the religion as well as for the success of British arms in all theatres of the War. At the termination of the services the Committee held a tea-party in honour of the distinguished visitors and gave a historical account of the great event. He alluded to the tyranny of the rulers of India at that time and compared it with Nazi Tyranny and barbarism, saying also that as right represented by the Sikhs had overcome the might and brutality of the unjust rule in those days, so also in the end would the forces of democracy represented by Britain and her allies triumph over the ruthlessness, barbarism and greediness of Hitler and his gangsters.

He compared a Sikh to a fully equipped soldier and exhorted all Sikhs present to make some sacrifice for the benefit of their brethren serving in the middle East, and to bear them always in mind as a light shining in the darkness.

Concluding his address the President exhorted his colleagues and members of the community to remain loyal and steadfast despite all attempts to shake them, for the success of India depended on the success of Britain, and to pray that justice and liberty shall once again prevail throughout the world.

Mr. Ishar Singh, Hon. Secretary, also addressed the gathering and again thanked the visitors, adding that their presence among them was a symbol of unity within the borders of the British Empire. For the visitors, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans suitably responded.

BOY ACCUSED OF LOOTING TOYS

A thirteen-year-old boy who was stated not to have attended school for a year was at East London Juvenile Court accused with two others, aged twelve and ten, one his brother, of stealing toys worth 5s. from a war-damaged warehouse.

An L.C.C. official said that the thirteen-year-old boy was evacuated in September, 1939, but returned home last Christmas. Since then he had not attended school, his father saying that he had kept the boy at home because the mother was ill.

The Chairman (Colonel Henriques) told the father: This is absolutely scandalous. You would not dare make this excuse in peacetime.

The case was adjoined for a week.

QUOTAS: A BLITZ RACKET

"Quota trading" has become the new racket of the blitz.

Within a few days of the heavy raids on Manchester and Sheffield, manufacturers of luxury goods whose works had been affected, were visited by "quota agents" operating from London.

These men offered to buy for cash the uncompleted portion of the manufacturers' permitted monthly outputs.

The uncompleted "quota" was later sold by these agents to other firms manufacturing similar goods at a profit.

"Quite Legal"

A trade organisation official in Manchester said: "As the law is at present, this trade in quotas is perfectly legal.

"These 'quota agents' seem to make a bee-line for the 'blitz towns.'

"If a manufacturer whose monthly quota permits him to produce £1,000 worth of a certain article has completed only £500 worth, and cannot produce more within the month because of damage to his factory, they offer to buy his rights to manufacture the remaining £500 worth.

"I have heard of an 'agent' pocketing £200 for a deal on a £1,500 quota.

"The Board of Trade could stop the racket easily by requiring all uncompleted quotas to be returned to them.

"Ghost firms are another racket developed by quota agents. These firms are set up purely to obtain quota allowances, which the agents sell to the highest bidder.

"Some of the 'ghost firms' have never even seen the articles they say they manufacture. Their 'factory' is usually one room with a staff of one typist-cum-telephonist. Several appear to have their offices in the West End of London."

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

More Sports Contests Between Army And Volunteers Mooted

Tennis Trial To Be Held Shortly

By "Squaddy"

ONCE again the Junior Shield has been retained by a military team, this time by Royal Army Service Corps, who defeated South China last Saturday by 4-1, after extra time.

The outstanding player on the field was Cpl. Young who, at centre-half, played himself to a standstill; he made several openings for his forwards and had the opposing centre-forward well marked.

Service Corps this season have scored more goals than any other team in all three Divisions and have set up another record of 106 goals.

I understand that Cpl. Glen, their outside-right, is going to give up football and settle down to an easier game; he is the oldest member of the team and deserves a rest.

Middlesex completed their League fixtures on Saturday by defeating Hong Kong Club by 4-0, and Royal Scots completed their fixtures by beating the Police by 3-2, this making their fourth win in succession. If they had played as well at the opening of the season they might have had a few more points.

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RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers have again won the Army seven-a-side knockout tournament, and this gives them the Army Rugby treble, as they won the Small Units competition, Large Units Rugby League and the seven-a-sides.

In this competition they did not have a point scored against them and scored 76 themselves.

Cpl. Birrell, who is the outstanding player, scored 45 points out of the 76

Following are the results in order of all games played by Sappers in the Army Leagues during the past three years:

1938-39

Seven-a-Side

beat Middlesex "B"	13—8
beat Royal Scots	6—5
beat Middlesex "A"	5—0
beat Ordnance	12—3

1939-40

Seven-a-Side

beat Royal Scots "B"	11—0
beat Middlesex "A"	8—5
beat Royal Scots "A"	9—3

Inter Unit League.

beat Middlesex	3—0
lost to 8th Heavy R.A.	0—7
beat 5th A.A.	28—0
beat 8th Heavy R.A.	9—5
beat 5th A.A.	18—0
beat Middlesex	12—0
beat Royal Scots	8—0

1940-41

Small Units League

beat 12th Heavy R.A.	3—0
beat R.A.M.C.	16—6
beat 5th A.A.	17—6
beat Royal Scots	9—0

Large Units League

beat Combined R.A.	9—8
beat Combined Small Units	6—3
beat Middlesex	3—0
beat Middlesex	6—3
beat Royal Scots	3—0
beat Combined Small Units	14—0
beat Combined R.A.	13—3

Seven-a-Side

beat 12th R.A.	21—0
beat Medicals	[illegible]
beat 5th A.A. "B"	17—0
beat 5th A.A. "A"	24—0

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HOCKEY

THE Large Units Hockey League, which Middlesex Regiment won, is not being played off for by the two top teams, as was first mentioned at the commencement of the League, but the two top teams will play off for the Garrison Hockey Cup, which in previous seasons has been played on a knockout basis. At the time of going to press, only winning team known is Middlesex Regiment, and they will receive a set of small shields.

It has been suggested that Lieut J. D. Clague, the Area Hockey Secretary, is arranging for the Royal Artillery to have a seven-a-side hockey tournament for the Artillery only.

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CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday a very interesting match was seen between Royal Engineers, winners of the Large Units Cricket League, and No. 3 (M.G.) Company H.K.V.D.C. which resulted in a win for the Volunteers by 21 runs. At one time the Engineers were in a very good position, having 95 on the board for the loss of two wickets.

Spr. Ratcliffe was the top scorer of the day with 61 runs, hitting nine boundaries. Both sides were quick in the field and some very good catches were taken.

T. A. Madar, who batted well, scored 40 not out and hit four boundaries, and Matthews and Mackay also made thirties.

More of these matches between the Volunteers and the Army should be encouraged, not only at cricket but at all sports.

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TENNIS

IT is proposed to hold a trial for all those who wish to be included in the Army League tennis teams during the forthcoming Colony League season.

Units are asked to forward to the Hon. Secretary, Area Tennis, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, the names of all those who are keen on playing, and who are recommended as being suitable to play. Names of both officers and men are required to be sent in not later than April 23.

First trial will take place on Sunday, April 27, at 2.30 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

At a meeting of the Tennis Committee last week it was agreed that all Large Units entering only one team in the Army Tennis League, must take part in "A" League. If it is considered that such a team is too weak for "A" League, the committee may give permission for it to be entered for "B" League, but in all cases sanction of the Tennis Committee must first be obtained.

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SWIMMING

AT a meeting of the Swimming Committee the following list of events was proposed for the forthcoming swimming meeting.

1. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 2 lengths.

2. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 3 lengths.

3. Plunging—Team of 2 per Unit—Each to plunge twice.

4. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 6 lengths.

5. Inter-Unit Free Style—Team of 5 per Unit—one to swim one length, one to swim 6 lengths, one to swim 3 lengths, one to swim 2 lengths, and one to swim 1 length.

6. Diving—Team of 3 per Unit—High Board 1 Plain, Medium Board 1 running plain, 1 fancy. Low Board 1 plain.

7. Inter-Unit Medley Relay—Team of 3 per Unit—One to swim 2 lengths back stroke, one to swim 2 lengths breast, one to swim 2 lengths free style.

CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following are the results of the Cash Sweeps at the Race Course yesterday:—

Race 1

No. 545	$1235.85
" 2801	353.10
" 1430	176.55

Tickets Nos.: 409, 1783, 1941, 624, 3026, 778, 383, 2923 get $50 each.

Race 2

No. 2226	$1409.80
" 316	402.80
" 1480	201.40

Tickets Nos.: 3305, 932, 1641, 1566, 752, 3147, 1758, 1575 get $50 each.

Race 3

No. 2462	$941.18
" 2757	941.18
" 2989	209.15

Tickets Nos.: 1629, 547, 2491, 3178, 2328, 2445, 870, 2801, 2341, 2082 get $50 each.

Race 4

No. 16	$1604.05
" 2076	458.30
" 2907	229.15

Tickets Nos.: 1467, 3302, 2208, 963, 530, 2556 get $50 each.

Race 5

No. 4153	$2017.40
" 3927	576.40
" 4150	288.20

Tickets Nos.: 988, 2661, get $50 each.

Race 6

No. 3787	$2046.80
" 2325	584.80
" 586	292.40

Tickets Nos.: 3420, 1098, 4200, 2033 get $50 each.

Race 7

No. 3067	$1936.20
" 4367	553.20
" 4302	276.60

Tickets Nos.: 432, 4367, 781, 447, 3087, 2484, 669, 966, 2690, 4302, 1655, 774, 3262 get $50 each.

Race 8

No. 1889	$2041.20
" 3720	583.20
" 624	291.60

Tickets Nos.: 3315, 3504, 3456, 2603, 4315, 3862, 3234 get $50 each.

Race 9

No. 2523	$2070.60
" 329	591.60
" 3197	295.80

Tickets Nos.: 279, 1966, 1831, 2454, 538, 480, 2772, 415, 67 get $50 each.

Race 10

No. 4089	$2125.90
" 3287	607.40
" 1994	303.70

Tickets Nos.: 1716, 640, 2416, 3350, 4280, 1581 get $50 each.

Race 11

No. 1276	$2095.45
" 2241	598.70
" 2077	299.35

Tickets Nos.: 4332, 1229, 1834, 2656, 1040, 2323, 4028, 3412, 4673 get $50 each.

Race 12

No. 3428	$4610.90
" 1325	1317.40
" 4670	658.70

Tickets Nos.: 3363, 1766, 3170 get $100 each.

PHOENIX ELEVEN IS BEATEN, EPIC HOCKEY GAME AT CONCLUSION

By "Adrem"

THE ANNUAL UNIVERSITY Phoenix cricket match was played at Pokfulum yesterday under perfect cricket conditions, Dr. Ride's XI winning by four wickets in an interesting match in which scoring by both sides was fast.

The Phoenixes batted first and although they lost Matthews and Gegg quickly, a fine partnership between Tam and Oh realised 67 runs. Tam played a brilliant innings, scoring all round the wicket, especially freely on the leg side and scored 58 out of the 97 runs added while he was at the wickets. He hit 10 boundaries in an innings lasting 75 minutes.

Apart from one or two double-figure scores near the end, when the better bowlers in Dr. Ride's team were performing, the remainder of the side failed.

Ratcliffe bowled steadily to finish with 3 for 24 but Ride, who had at least four catches dropped and had to hit the sticks to be effective, put up some extremely cunning deliveries.

Good Innings

Anderson and Mackay put on 59 for the first wicket for Dr. Ride's XI and later a useful stand of 77 between A. Zimmern and J. L. Youngsaye enabled the Phoenix total to be passed with four wickets in hand.

Zimmern played one of his best innings of the season scoring with well-timed strokes all round the wicket, while Youngsaye's off play was very effective and most of his runs came as the result of well-placed snicks through the slips.

Hockey Classic

As the innings was concluded by 5 o'clock and there was still lots of energy to spare, a hockey match was played.

The Phoenixes won by 6—5 in a stirring encounter, the game being decided by the fact that the umpire switched his affections in the closing stages!

Every rule in the book was broken with cheerful abandon by both teams and some of the players showed a great deal of skill with their feet.

The Phoenixes wore their shirts outside but the Rest, on occasions, supped in Fifth Column agents who did much useful work behind the lines.

Anderson played a good game in the Rest defence and Ernie Zimmern showed signs of much natural ability; a couple of extra inches on his waistline and he should develop into a really good custodian.

Dr. Ride was a good half, or it might have been right-wing or even right-back, while Panzer units led by J. L. Youngsaye frequently rolled up the Phoenix left-wing with skilful flanking movements.

Dr. Rodrigues, an ex-Interporter, spoke very well and was well-supported by the Rest male voice chorus. Other players could not be identified.

Cricket scores were:—

UNIVERSITY PHOENIXES

K. Y. Tam, b Ride	58
C. N. Matthews, b Ratcliffe	1
W. S. Gegg, l.b.w., Ratcliffe	4
K. S. Oh, b Ratcliffe	2
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ride	[illegible]
N. Singh, c Hong Chow, b Anderson	[illegible]
D. Chelliah, run out	1
T. T. Chin, c A. Zimmern, b Hong Choy	[illegible]
E. Mazuza, c Youngsaye, b Mackay	[illegible]
S. Amplavanar, c Mackay, b Ride	[illegible]
S. Mahmood not out	1
Extras (B10, LB5, W1)	[illegible]
Total	17

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	
Anderson	10	0	44	1
Ratcliffe	7	2	24	3
Hong Chow	6	1	30	1
Ride	5.1	0	22	3
Youngsaye	1	0	12	0
Mackay	2	0	11	1
Rodrigues	1	0	15	0

Anderson bowled one wide.

DR. RIDE'S XI

D. J. N. Anderson, c Mazuza, b Amplavanar	6
N. A. E. Mackay, c Amplavanar, b N. Singh	2
Spr. Ratcliffe, b N. Singh	[illegible]
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, c Matthews, b Gegg	[illegible]
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood	1
A. Zimmern, l.b.w., b Mazuza	6
Dr. L. T. Ride, b Mahmood	[illegible]
J. L. Youngsaye, b Mazuza	[illegible]
G. Hong Choy, c and b Chelliah	[illegible]
C. W. Hoh, not out	[illegible]
T. B. Teoh, c N. Singh, b Chelliah	[illegible]
Extras (B15, LB6, WB2, NB1)	2
Total	2[illegible]

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.
Gegg	10	0	53
Mahmood	10	0	73
Singh	5	0	31
Amplavanar	3	0	14
Mazuza	2	0	23
Chelliah	1.7	0	17

Gegg and Chelliah bowled one wide each and Amplavanar bowled one no-ball.

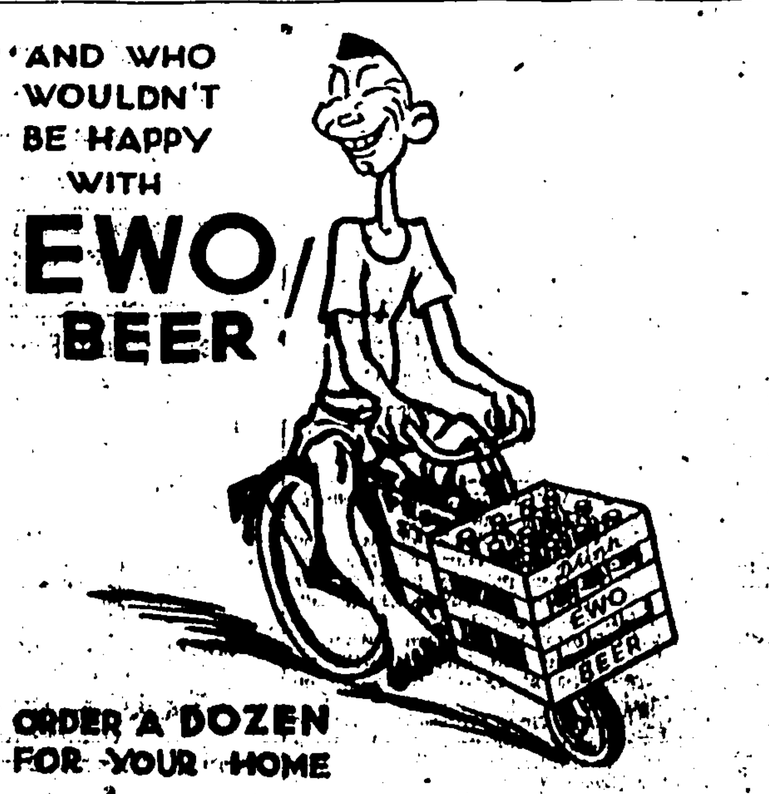
HOCKEY TOURNEY POSTPONED

The "China Mail" was informed this morning that the Hong Kong Hockey Association six a-side tournament, which was to have been held on Sunday, has been postponed a week. Entries will now close to-morrow week.

LADIES' GOLF

The golf match played on the New Course, Fanling, on Saturday, between the ladies of Kowloon Golf Club and those of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, resulted in a win for the latter.

The collection for the Ladies' Golf Union Spitfire Fund now amounts to $1,240 and £30. The list is about to be closed. Ladies wishing to subscribe are requested to send in their contributions to Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, 47 Stubbs Road, before the end of the week.



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ROYAL AIR FORCE WIN THIRD DIVISION TITLE

Beat Royal Signals By Two Clear Goals In Play Off

Edmunds & Hemley Sound Defenders For Airmen

By "Referee"

ROYAL AIR FORCE WON the Third Division soccer title when they defeated Royal Corps of Signals by two clear goals in the play off at Caroline Hill yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

Both sides played hard football but the Airmen were served by a good pair of backs in Hemley and Edmunds and it was the efforts of these two that prevented the Signals from scoring.

Edmunds was the outstanding player. He positioned himself well and was safe in his clearances. His partner Hemley gave him good assistance.

Berry in the pivotal post on was always up with his forwards and was sound in the defence. Paling and Connelly had a trying afternoon against Pitcher and Husband though they did their work well.

Bartlett and Mansfield were the pick of the Airmen forwards, and provided the most danger to the Signals' defence. Ho Ka-keung was slow to take advantage of the openings made by his other forwards but he was seen in some neat passing movements.

Little Combination

Signals did not combine well, Parry played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Brakenberry tried hard in the forward line but could not evade the attentions of Berry and also found Edmunds and Hemley on top form.

Neither of the wingers sent over good centres.

Play was even for some time and just before the interval Air Force took the lead through Richardson, who sent in a high shot, that Kennard misjudged.

Signals pressed in the second half and Gash was called upon on several occasions. In a breakaway, Ho Ka-keung made the game safe when he scored from a pass from Mansfield.

SIGNALS: Kennard, Taylor, Spinks; Dgnan, Parry, Holland; Pitcher, Truscott, Brakenberry, Bundy, Husband.

AIR FORCE: Gash, Hemley, Edmunds; Connelly, Berry, Paling; Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kai-keung, Bartlett, Mansfield.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATED

In a hard fought game at Caroline Hill yesterday, South China, First Division champions, were defeated by the "Rest" team by three clear goals, after being led at the interval by the only goal scored.

Rest made several changes in their line up. Blackburn played in place of Roughley, while Maxwell filled Freshwater's position in the half back line. Fung King-cheung was an absentee in the attack and Ferrier substituted.

From the very outset Rest struck up a good understanding and were continually on the offensive. The Chinese appeared to take things easily in the opening stages but in the second period they played their usual game and Bankier was forced to give of his best. Blackburn and Fraser also rose to great heights and it was the work of these three that fustrated many a scoring attempt of the Chinese.

The Rest intermediate-line also came into prominence. Each of the halves played well individually and showed good understanding as a unit. Hsu King-seng dominated the centre of the field and had Lee Wai-tong well checked. Maxwell did not allow Lee Shek-yau much rope and still found time to give Chau Man-chi some of his attention.

Thomas did not have such a strenuous afternoon and did his work well.

Dangerous Wingers

Both Hau Ching-to and Fowler were dangerous wingers and with Hendy's forceful and thrustful methods in the centre, the Chinese intermediate-line had a hard time. Barber and Ferrier were two clever inside forwards who distributed the ball well.

Tam Kwan-kon had more to do than usual and did not seem so confident. Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai were at their best in the early stages of the game but fell away badly in the second period. Lee Kwok-wai played in the forward line later but he was not comfortable in that position.

Lam Tak-po left Hendy too free, with the result that this player was always a danger. Lau Hing-choy and Tse Kam-hung found the wingers troublesome and had all their time taken up checking them.

Lee Wai-tong tried hard, particularly in the second half, but found Hsu always near him and added to this Bankier was in great form.

Rest started attacking and from one of the raids Hau Ching-to sent in a perfect centre which Hendy cleverly deflected pass Tam Kwan-kon.

Hendy, Fowler and Hau Ching-to went near to increasing the lead and at the other end Bankier saved well from Lee Tak-kee and Chau Man-chi.

In the second half Rest were mostly in their own half and the Chinese were making desperate efforts to equalise. Rest increased the lead when Hendy passed the ball over Tsang's head for Hau Ching-to to nip in and net. Before the end, Hendy beat Tam from another breakaway.

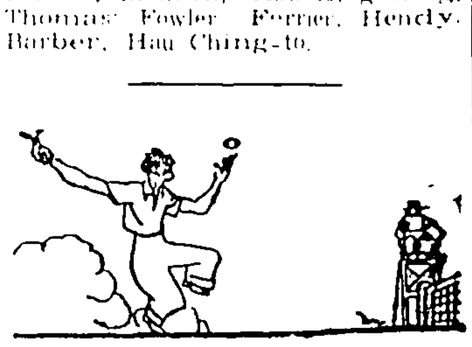
At the close of the game, the prizes won in the various leagues were distributed by Mrs M. K. Lo, wife of a Vice-President of the Association.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-kon, Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung, Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Kwok-wai, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

REST: Bankier; Blackburn, Fraser; Maxwell, Hsu King-seng, Thomas; Fowler, Ferrier, Hendy, Barber, Hau Ching-to.

TITLES FOR COLLINGS AND GROSE

At Kowloon City yesterday, R. K. Collings beat T. B. Low 5 and 4 to win the Senior championship of Kowloon Golf Club, while H. J. Grose beat A. J. Buttfield 7 and 6 to win the Junior championship.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (1).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final.

T. J. Gould (—15.2) v. J. Stirling Lee (—2/6) (8).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6) (3).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) (4).

FOOTBALLERS CELEBRATE

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the Senior Football League and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kotewall Charity Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon Mr N. L. Smith, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, Hon Mr W. N. Thomas, Tam, Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun Chairman of the Football Association as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Mr. Ngan Sik-kwan in proposing "The Guests" said in part:

It is not only a pleasure, but also an honour, for me, as Chairman of the South China Athletic Association, to extend to you to-night a hearty welcome to join us in the celebration of our Fourth Consecutive Championship in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. In celebrating this attainment, thus breaking the record formerly held by the Chinese Athletics, we wish also to take this opportunity to rejoice over our other victories, namely, the winning of the much-coveted "treble" by our victories also in the Senior Challenge Shield as well as the Kotewall Charity Cup. As an individual team, I am proud to say, South China has won everything there was for us to win. Though we were not successful in the Junior Division, we were runners-up in the Junior Challenge Shield.

During the last closed season and at the beginning of the soccer season which has just ended, anybody who would have gone so far as to suggest that South China would be among the first three teams in the Senior League, much less emerge Champions, would have been considered screwy, or cock-eyed. We started out most inauspiciously. We managed only to secure enough players for our First Division Eleven. We were beaten by the doughty Scots in the first game we played. The majority of players had left us and there remained only a few "loyalists" from our "A" and "B" teams. "B" team, which had been in existence since 1934, had to be dropped.

In spite of these handicaps, our players realised that they were not playing for themselves and that it took eleven men to make a team. They knew they represented tradition and they have not failed to live up to that tradition.

Great Credit Due

Great credit is due to our football manager, Mr Leung Cheuk-wan, who is one of our guests to-night and to whom a presentation will be made later this evening. Mr. Leung has worked indefatigably and methodically and given unselfishly of his time and efforts to encourage the players always to do their best and to keep the team together. In his work, Mr. Leung has received the whole-hearted support, cooperation and encouragement of all members of the Football Committee.

The greatest credit, however, is due to Lee Wai-tong.

In this connection, I should like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the members of the Council and Committee who have worked so loyally and tirelessly in order that South China might not go on the rocks. This should not, shall not, and must not be so. With their continued support, and that of our many friends, foreign and Chinese, we can look forward with confidence to the future.

I am also happy to see present so many members of the Football Association Council (the chairman of which, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, we are proud to say, was for many years our representative on the Council and is the first Chinese ever to hold the chairmanship), Senior Referees: representatives of our sister clubs, who, at all times, have given us their hearty cooperation, except when they were out to beat us on the football field; the foreign friends who have contributed so generously every year towards our general working fund; and members of the English and Chinese press.

The Hon Mr. N. L. Smith replied for the guests.

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R.A.F. PLAYING EPIC PART IN MEDITERRANEAN

German Troops Hammered In Greece And Libya

Constant Strafing By Bombers And Fighters

THE R.A.F. CONTINUED on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece. Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cyrenaica.

Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride German road communications between Msus and Sollum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns or roads in theatre of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers escorted by fighters in the Koritza area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others damaged.

A Messerschmidt twin-engined fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

Tripoli Raided

On Sunday night long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour at Tripoli, base for German reinforcements to the African war front.

Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely. The power station and customs house were also attacked.

South African Air Force 'planes, cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

Two enemy bombers were burned out and several other bombers and fighters damaged. Explosions were caused.

Bombs On Malta

A number of enemy bombers dropped bombs on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage. One Messerschmidt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.—Reuter.

RIDING THE STORM: HITLER'S GAMBLE

"The Empire is about to pass through the greatest test since the collapse of France," declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, appealing in Sydney yesterday for recruits.

"Hitler is staking all on the next months. When we have ridden the storm he will be doomed." Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Italian Army's New Role

Italian troops in large numbers are reported to be replacing German troops in occupied France.

An important contingent has already arrived at Angers, in western France, and it is planned to send 40,000 Italians to occupy Paris, declares the Independent French Agency, but no Italian troops will be entrusted with coast protection.

It is also understood that the Armistice Commission has ended its sessions at Wiesbaden and will henceforth function in Paris, whither many of its departments have already been transferred.—Reuter.

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BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS POURING INTO DEFENCE LINE

Nazis Forced Into War Of Position

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHEERED BY NEWS OF YUGOSLAV SUCCESSES THE BRITISH AND GREEKS YESTERDAY REPULSED SUCCESSIVE GERMAN ATTACKS IN THE FLORINA REGION "WITH SEVERE LOSSES TO THE ENEMY," AND ARE TURNING THE GERMANS' TECHNICAL RAPID MOBILITY INTO A MANOEUVRABLE WAR OF POSITION.

DESPATCHES FROM the front received in Athens reveal a further stiffening of the main Anglo-Greek defence lines. Intensive overnight fighting has simmered down and now chiefly consists of clashes between rival patrols, in which the Germans suffered heavy losses.

British reinforcements are pouring up in increasing numbers from the rear.

These reinforcements have been disembarking at Piraeus, the port of Athens, which has been subjected to constant Nazi air raids in an effort to halt the flow of men and materials.

It is now believed that with British help, which is arriving in ever-increasing force, the Greeks have made an effective stand.

The main Anglo-Greek defence line is now fully manned and is ready for action along natural mountainous strongholds.

The Allied dispositions, it is believed, will force the Germans to engage in hand-to-hand combat in which the Greeks have already proved themselves fully the equal of the Germans if not definitely superior.

German Strategy

In London yesterday, military quarters stated it appeared that German pressure on the right flank of the Anglo-Greek lines is designed to piece the defences near the east terminus, permitting a coiling movement south or south-west of Mount Olympus.

So far this manoeuvre has failed completely to produce results.

Meanwhile it is reliably learned in London that Yugoslav troops have captured Durazzo, but the Germans have retaken the Yugoslav city of Kragujevac.

Yugoslav morale is good and the Yugoslav forces north of Nish are still counter-attacking.

Berlin Propaganda

Berlin is putting out reports that Nazi armoured columns are "smashing strong enemy fortifications in a rapid drive from Nish to Belgrade."

Berlin also announces that Nazi 'planes have wrecked Sarajevo, and alleges that the greater part of individual Yugoslav units still resisting have been destroyed and 10,000 soldiers of the Muraka Division captured.

The Germans admit the Serbs have been able to carry out a strategic withdrawal into the Adriatic mountains, where their well-known skill in hill fighting is likely to cause the German command much worry.

Positions Secure

An Athens message says that Anglo-Greek troops, while pivoting in their defence lines, held their positions secure at Mount Olympus against several German assaults, causing heavy casualties to the enemy.

German losses during the past week have been so heavy that the German High Command in the Balkans is plainly proceeding more cautiously.

The crack "Adolf Hitler" division was almost completely shattered when attacking a British position. — International News Service.

GUERILLAS HARASS HUNGARIANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hungarian authorities in Budapest yesterday admitted that Yugoslav guerilla troops are harassing the Hungarian army of occupation.

Hungarian troops have occupied an area in Yugoslavia bounded by the Danube and Tisza Rivers. — International News Service.

MAKING BEST OF BAD JOB

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German propaganda is excelling itself in twisting the facts of the battle now raging on the Egyptian border and in Cyrenaica, where the British garrison at Tobruk is inflicting heavy losses on German mechanised forces attacking the defence positions.

The repulse of a German tank attack, which penetrated the outer defences of Tobruk only to be hurled back badly mangled, is being claimed by the Nazis as a victory!

German version is that the British garrison made a sortie in an endeavour to escape. Eight out of 14 British tanks, they say, were destroyed.

The presence of British fleet units cooperating with the land defences is twisted into the suggestion that the British garrison is attempting to board transports! — International News Service.

CHOLERA LAWS

Charged with a breach of the anti-cholera Regulations by collecting shell-fish at Cheungshawan yesterday, six women were each fined $10 or 14 days' hard labour, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Gayda "Warns" America

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Signor Gayda declared in Rome yesterday that "the Axis is waiting and is ready for United States convoys, which will be treated the same as British convoys.

"President Roosevelt cannot risk Red Sea convoys because the East African game is finished.

"Everything bound for the enemy can legitimately be sunk, and new Axis anti-convoy methods will soon begin."

Gayda admitted that the Yugoslavs are not near capitulation, despite Axis propaganda, and added that Germany and Italy will have to struggle in the Balkans "for some time." — International News Service.

NANKING SMOKE SCREEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The pro-Nanking press in Shanghai is urging that Chinese "businessmen" with no political affiliations be appointed to the Municipal Council. This is termed a "bad smoke-screen" for Nanking ambitions. — International News Service.

TANK BATTLE IN PERIMETER OF TOBRUK

IN LIBYA YESTERDAY MORNING ENEMY INFANTRY, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON TOBRUK, ANNOUNCES A WAR OFFICE COMMUNIQUE.

At one point about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences.

An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as a result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses both in tanks and personnel.

The situation has been completely restored.

Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum.

In Abyssinia our pursuit of the beaten and disorganised enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a brigade commander. — Reuter.

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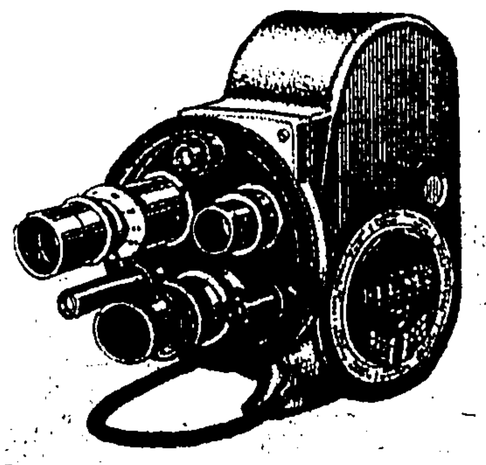

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Balkan War Rapidly Entering Upon Second Phase

NAZIS HALTED BOTH IN GREECE AND YUGOSLAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MILITARY CIRCLES IN ATHENS DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST SO HEAVILY IN ATTACKS ON THE MAIN GREEK AND BRITISH DEFENCE LINES IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THAT THEY ARE NOW PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY.

These sources foresee the Balkan war entering a second phase with the Yugoslavs, heartened by the Anglo-Greek success, strengthening their defences in the mountain fastnesses and harassing the Germans on the northern front.

Athens radio says the Anglo-Greek forces are taking advantage of the German inaction, as the Germans apparently are counting their losses and licking their wounds, and have heavily reinforced their lines.

It is reported that the situation on all fronts is very satisfactory, with the British completely controlling the eastern end of the line.

Eye-witness reports from Macedonia and Thrace state the Greeks were far superior in hand-to-hand fighting and that Greek bayonet charges devastated the Germans, just as they did the Italians in Albania.

Axis Troops Melted

It is reported that in many sectors the Axis troops literally melted under Greek bayonet charges when they found their mechanised attacks had not swept the Greeks from their feet.

At the western end of the line it is reported that Greek shock troops and British and Anzac armoured units repulsed repeated German thrusts towards Florina and Vatutsa from Monastir Gap.

The Yugoslavs, having reorganised, are counter-attacking on both side of the Morava River as well as in south Serbia, where they are reported to have recaptured Brokuplje from the Germans.

It is reported the Yugoslavs have halted the German mechanised advance at Suhareka and Kacanik.—International News Service.

PEARL RIVER REOPENED

CLOSED SINCE WEDNESDAY LAST BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES IN CANTON, THE PEARL RIVER WAS OFFICIALLY REOPENED YESTERDAY MORNING, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE OSK'S AGENTS IN CANTON.

The Japanese motor-vessel, Sinogane Maru, will resume schedule tomorrow when she arrives in Hong Kong.

The s.s. Fatshan will now sail for Canton on Saturday morning, according to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

PURELY INCIDENTAL

Dr. H. Ritman, head of the N.E.I. Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting in Manila between the N.E.I. Foreign and Colonial Secretaries and Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, emphasised in an interview in Batavia yesterday that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a form "conference of the powers," as the press had inferred.—Reuter.

ITALY FORESEES TROUBLE

"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugoslavia, to gain time," declared the "Giornale d'Italia" in Rome yesterday.

"In any case, withdrawal of the British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question, and we must therefore expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army, and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent trip to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says the Axis will deal with American convoys according to international law.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA TO APPEAL TO TURKEY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL.")

Announcement that the Yugoslav Minister in Bulgaria is due in Istanbul en route to Ankara is taken to indicate that Yugoslavia will seek Turkish aid against Italy and Germany.

It is believed he will confer with the Turkish Foreign Minister, who, it is thought, will lend him a friendly ear.—International News Service.

Aussie Order Of The Day

"It is not unlikely that the action of Greece, this small and noble nation, may prove in the end to be the beginning of the final downfall of Nazi tyranny."

This statement occurs in a special Order of the Day issued to his troops by the commander of the Australian forces in the Middle East, Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, in Athens yesterday.

Lt.-Gen. Blamey recalled that once again, just 26 years ago, an Australian army landed in these regions on the great Gallipoli adventure.

The Order of the Day says: "Every Greek man and woman and every pound of Greek money is being put into the war effort.

"We have come as comrades in arms. We have now landed again in these regions to fight at the side of the Greeks and to overthrow once more a German effort to enslave the world."—Reuter.

Violent German Break-Through Attempts Smashed

R.A.F. AND GREEK AIR SQUADRONS ARE MERCILESSLY BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING THE GERMANS IN THE MONASTIR AREA, WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, SAYS A GREEK MINISTRY OF WAR BULLETIN QUOTED BY ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

The failure of the Germans to effect a break-through during the first days, together with a continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory, and "there is no major activity to report," the bulletin adds.

The radio announcer quoted a Greek Press Ministry statement saying that in Yugoslavia it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugoslav army remains intact and has retired to mountainous areas where it is easy to maintain the defensive, and whence it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

Highland Defences

The situation in northern Yugoslavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugoslav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and are approaching Serbia, where strong defences can readily be maintained.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN YUGOSLAVIA HAS MATERIALLY IMPROVED DURING THE LAST 48 HOURS. IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE ATTACKED AND DISLOCATED GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND INFLICTED MANY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY.

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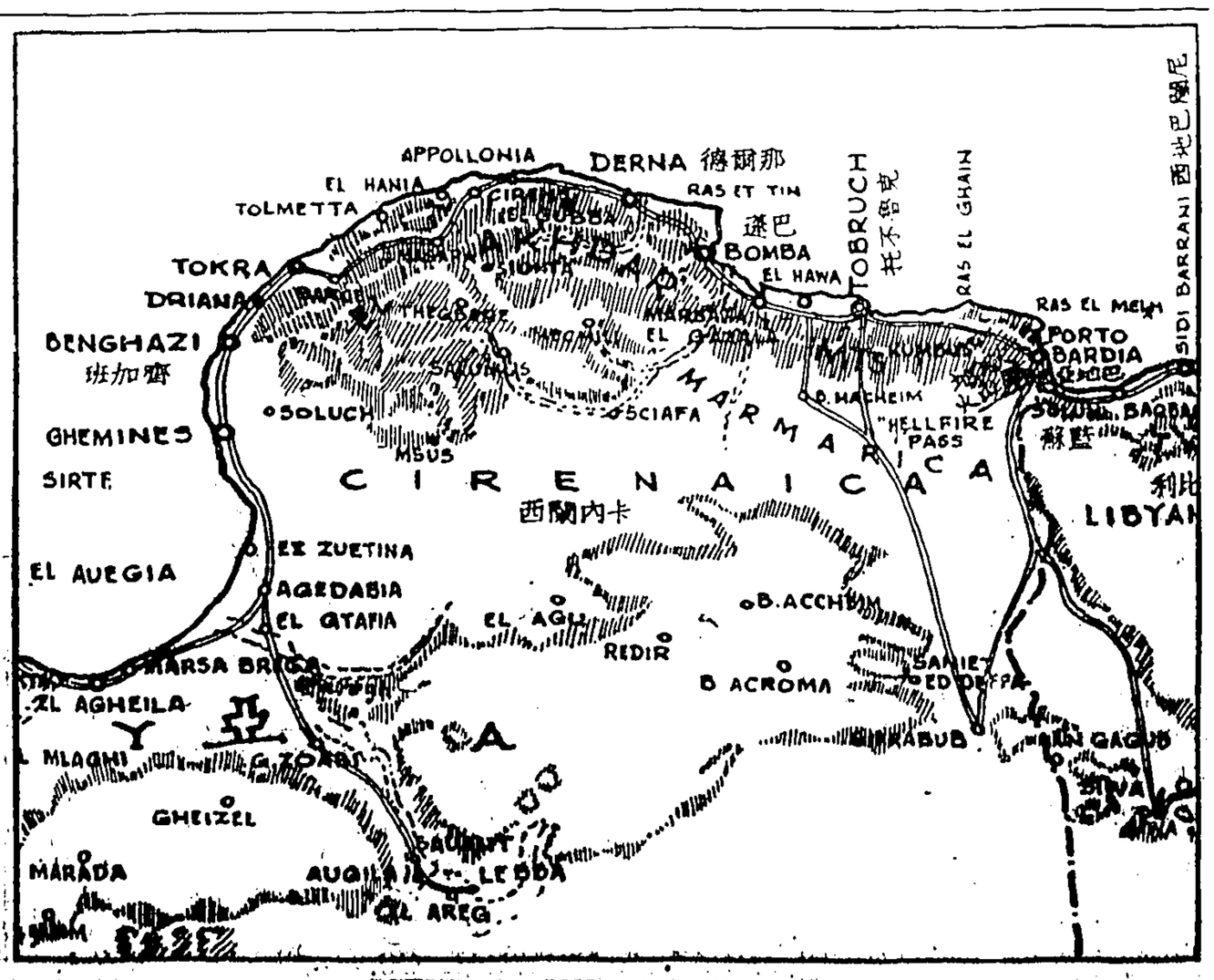

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SOVIET DISTRUST OF GERMANY

Believed To Be Inspiration Of New Agreement

Seen As, At Most, A Keep Out Pact

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS in Washington sharply differ regarding the import of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact.

A high Administration spokesman, however, said the Pact's apparent blow at British and American prestige is actually deceptive.

He pointed out the possibility that the agreement was actually based on the Soviet's growing distrust of Germany, saying the Russians now do not fear a Japanese attack from the rear and are free to concentrate their forces on the west front in the event of a German thrust into the Ukraine or at Suez, which would close the Dardanelles.

Informed circles believe that Hitler, if victorious in the Balkans, plans a blitz against the Ukraine grainfields, which he has long coveted, or to seize the Dardanelles or Suez, any of which moves would provoke Russia to war.

Nazi Theory

In Berlin, German quarters say they are highly pleased over the Pact and add "At present we will not stress the fact that Moscow's signature indicates the growing anti-American front."

Informed German quarters declare this statement is intended to preserve the studied reserve with which the Wilhelmstrasse has met what they call "provocative American acts" in recent weeks.

They say Germany "considers such acts a peculiar manifestation of the American habit of interfering with matters which do not concern America."

The Germans add that the Pact is a "tremendous blow" to President Roosevelt and "hope it will influence him not to plunge into the war at Britain's side."

Keep-Out Pact

In London, informed circles dismiss the Pact as a wordy but pointless document, neither side promising the other anything concrete.

The "Daily Express" declares "At the most this is a 'keep-out pact' in which neither side actively aids the other. It does not affect Britain, neither favourably nor unfavourably."

Authoritative British circles say that while the Pact appears to give the Japanese a free hand in the Far East, equally it gives Russia a free hand against Germany in the west.—International News Service.

NO ALARM IN U.S.

"Significance of the Pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement in Washington.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of a situation which has, in effect, existed between the two countries for some time past.

"It therefore comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two Governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

"*THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, REMAINS UNCHANGED.*"

Mr Hull departed from usual practice at his press conference by issuing a formal statement on the Pact.—Reuter.

BULGARIA REJOICES IN NAZI CRIME

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

EXPECTING THE QUICK REANNEXATION OF GREEK AND SERBIAN MACEDONIA, THOUSANDS OF BULGARIANS MARCHED PAST THE PALACE IN SOFIA TO CHEER KING BORIS.

The Italian and German Ministers and Macedonian leaders addressed the crowds, promising Bulgaria a share of these regions under Nazi auspices.

The Bulgarian press continually demands that Yugoslavia return Macedonia and Thrace.—International News Service.

STRIKE AVERTED

The United States Steel Corporation averted a strike called by the trade union of the Congress of Industrial Organisation for to-night by granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1, and the new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about $4.—Reuter.

CHINA REPUDIATES SOVIET-JAPANESE DECLARATION

THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT formally repudiated the Japanese-Soviet declaration regarding Outer Mongolia and Manchukuo in a statement by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, in Chungking yesterday.

"It is an indisputable fact that the four north-eastern provinces and Outer Mongolia are integral parts of the Republic of China and always will remain Chinese territory.

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagements between third powers which are derogatory to Chinese territorial and administrative integrity."

After a conference of Government leaders a telegram was despatched to Moscow asking definite elucidation of certain points in connection with the Pact.

The Chinese Government wishes to know definitely what is the Soviet policy towards China as a result of the agreement with Japan.

No Surprise

News of the Soviet-Japanese Pact did not come as a surprise in Chungking, since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

The question uppermost in all minds in Chungking is whether the Pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan.

Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connection are anxiously awaited.

The opinion generally is expressed that the Soviet has concluded the Pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war, which is spreading rapidly to her doorsteps.

It is also declared in Chungking that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISPLAY EXUBERANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Forty Japanese 'planes flew over Shanghai yesterday afternoon to celebrate the signing of the Japanese-Russian Neutrality Pact.—International News Service.

ASTUTE STROKE OF DIPLOMACY BY RUSSIA?

THE AUTHORITIES in London are carefully examining in all its implications the Russo-Japanese Pact of Neutrality of which the chief article declares that if either the Soviet or Japan becomes the object of military action by one or more third powers the other party shall observe neutrality throughout the whole duration of such a conflict.

It is regarded in the British press as a further example of the pursuit by Russia of her own unemotional policy and recognition by both parties of the need for good neighbourly relationship.

The main provision would appear to have no great importance for Japan which is unlikely to suffer attack. On the other hand the Neutrality Pact would, in the event of a German attack on Russia, remove anxieties about the security of the Soviet Far East.

In exchange for this relief Russia recognises Manchukuo.

Note is taken of the fact that Japan, military ally of Germany, has put on paper a promise not to move against Russia if Russia is attacked, presumably even by the Germans.

Gain To Moscow

Thus, says "The Times," although too much should not be read into the Pact, the diplomatic gains seem to go to Moscow.

The "Daily Telegraph" on the same point remarks that "the new Pact looks very much like a notice by Japan that vis-a-vis Russia the Tripartite Pact is inoperative.

To secure that is an astute stroke of diplomacy on the part of Russia, more so since it is gained apparently without any surrender of her right to continue sending arms and munitions to China.

Freer Hand For Russia

On this view, which alone fits the facts at present known, Russia has improved her position in Europe for if she can rely on Japan's neutrality she is enabled to take a much stronger line against Germany in the Balkans.

It would indeed be imprudent to assume she intends, at any rate for the present, to risk a breach with Germany but she has undoubtedly freed her hands."

Comment from Berlin is for the present reserved.

Commentators in London, however, recall that last autumn Germany was openly canvassing the possibilities of the Soviet's adherence to the Three-Power Pact and naming her as a subscriber to the new order.—British Wireless.

DELICATE PACIFIC SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COMMENTING ON THE SIGNING OF THE RUSSO/JAPANESE PACT THE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "YIOMURI SHIMBUN" STATES THAT THE PACT FRUSTRATES AN ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED STATES TO TURN THE SINO/JAPANESE WAR INTO A WAR OF ATTRITION.

The Japanese Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, addressing a conference of governors, stated that the international situation was "ominous, complicated and delicate."

Admiral Oikawa urged a heavy increase in the Japanese Navy and personnel as the best means of preserving peace.—International News Service.

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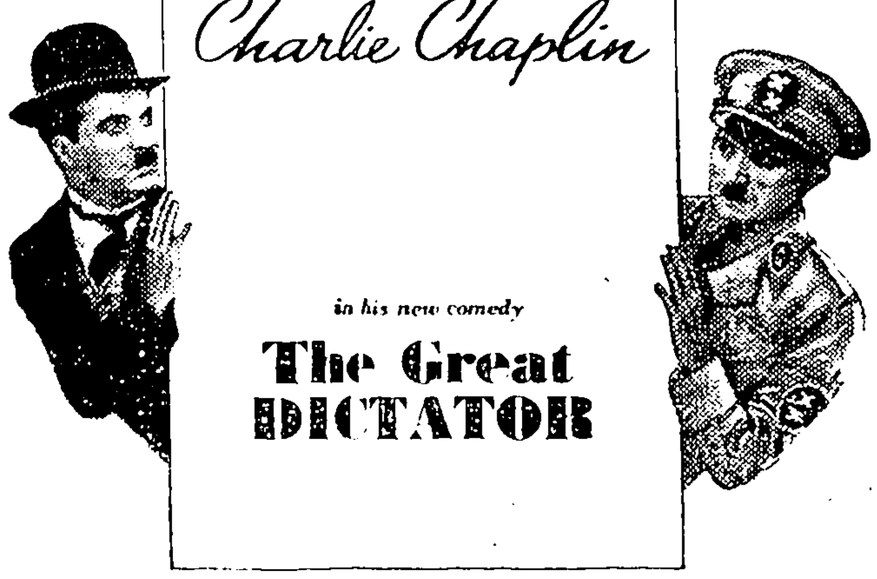

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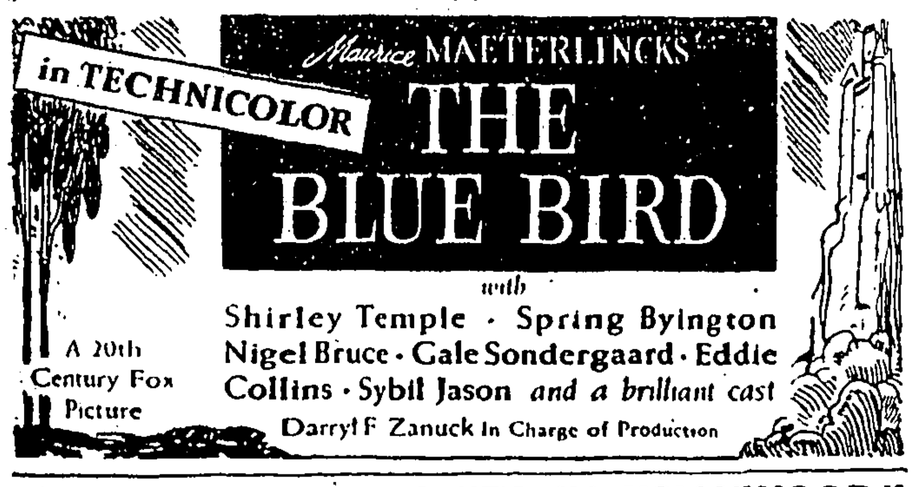

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HOLLOW GAIN FOR GERMANY

Commenting upon the Japanese-Soviet Neutrality Pact, the "Manchester Guardian" says that because she is afraid of Germany, Russia made the pact with Japan. In the event of war with Germany, Japan's neutrality, if kept, would be a great relief to Russia but less pleasant to Germany.

However, if a Russo-German war broke out, it is uncertain how far Clause V of the Tripartite Pact stipulating Japanese aid to Germany would operate.

The "Daily Express" political correspondent opines that the Pact is mere window-dressing. It rules out Japanese aid to Germany if Hitler should march to the East.

Russia is still pursuing a policy of complete self-interest, said the "News-Chronicle". Formerly, Russia saw the advantage of the belligerents exhausting themselves while she became stronger, especially when she was in no immediate danger from Germany. Hitler's Balkan thrust has changed all this.

Balkan Danger

The "Daily Herald" diplomatic correspondent believes that the Pact frees Japan from anxiety in the north should she decide to challenge Britain and the United States by a southward drive, and similarly Russia is freed from anxiety in the East, should she enter into a war with Germany in the West.

Stalin desires to extricate Russia from entanglements and liabilities in the East in order to concentrate against the danger in the West, because the Nazi drive in the Balkans presents a very real danger to Russia.

The "Evening News" says Germany cannot expect active Japanese collaboration with the Axis in the Far East unless there is more in the Pact than appears on the surface. Gain for Germany is pretty hollow.—Central News.

SHANGHAI HOTEL STRIKES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SHANGHAI HISTORY WHITE WOMEN WERE EMPLOYED AS CHAMBERMAIDS IN THE CITY'S SWANK BRITISH-OWNED METROPOLE HOTEL YESTERDAY TO REPLACE 200 STRIKING CHINESE.

Meanwhile the situation is unchanged in the Cathay Hotels Ltd strike, involving nearly 1,000 Chinese workers.

The Cathay Hotels, owned by E. D. Sassoon's comprise the Cathay Hotel, Cathay Mansions, the Metropole and Hamilton House.

Widespread Movement

In one of the most widespread strike movements in Shanghai history more than 25,000 workers are out, including 1,000 employees of the E. D. Sassoon hotel chain and 2,000 household removers.

A workers' representative said: "Our bosses are at the Races and have no time to talk with us." — International News Service.

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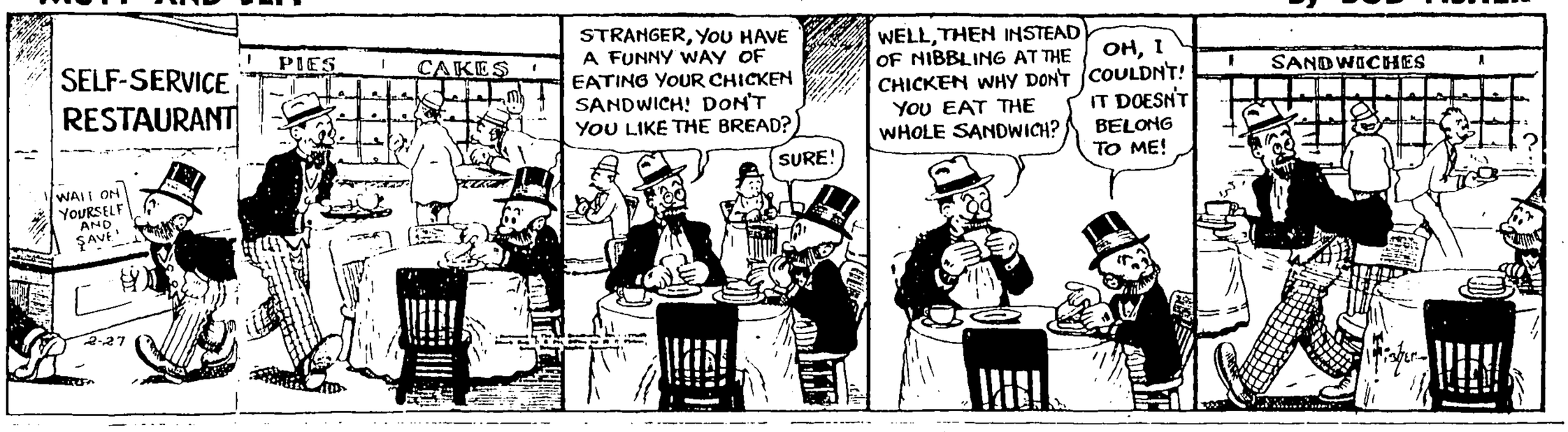


Easter Monday Spent As Normal Bank Holiday

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS no let up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and Servicemen off duty celebrated Easter Bank Holiday in something approaching peacetime style yesterday.

London's West End from an early hour was crowded with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did a tremendous business.

By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting later performances.

Feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia and others on leave from their posts in defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom also were in uniform.

At Nottingham, the Easter Race Meeting attracted a record crowd, and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the stirring victory in the Southern Plate of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, young wife of Britain's premier Duke.—Reuter.

Signs Of Spring

Although transport services were unable to provide any additional facilities many Londoners were able to take advantage of the first Bank Holiday which has been observed for a whole year by getting out into the nearby country where signs of Spring now abound.

In London, streets were crowded and places of entertainment were full. The area near St. Paul's destroyed by fire some time ago in the first raid in which the Germans concentrated on the use of incendiary bombs, was inspected by many visitors from the country.

Animated Crowds

In the suburbs allotment holders seized the opportunity to do some extra "digging for victory." In many places traditional fairs were held. The preponderance of of uniforms in crowds everywhere was noticeable.

Although the demeanour of people was possibly more restrained than on an ordinary Bank Holiday, the crowds were most animated and obviously determined to make the most of the well-earned respite before returning to factories and offices with strength to make good the whole of production lost in the holiday break. — British Wireless.

ITALY SENDS NEW PROTEST TO UNITED STATES

Italy delivered a new Note yesterday to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

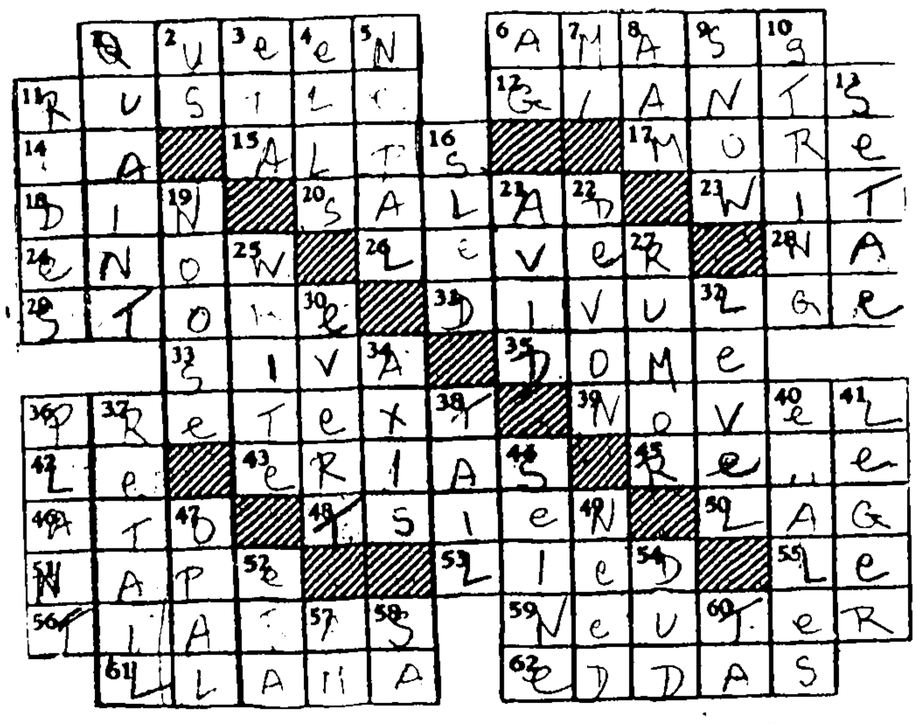
Details of the Note are not published but an Italian official in Washington said it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding seizure of the ships.—Reuter.

JUNK TRAGEDY NEAR NINEPINS

Eight passengers, including women and children, and the master were drowned on Friday when a junk overturned in a squall about a mile north of the Nine Pin Islands.

Five members of the crew were rescued by a passing junk and brought to Hong Kong yesterday.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

1 Chess piece
6 To accumulate
11 Colloquial: to steal
12 Huge men
14 Babylonian deity
15 European mountains
17 Additional
18 Clamour
20 Vegetable dish
23 Humorist
24 Poetic: enough
26 Prying tool
28 Symbol for sodium
29 To save for future use
31 To reveal
33 Hindu deity
35 Cupola
36 Excuse
39 Book of fiction
42 French article
43 Silkworms
45 Network
46 Philippine island-ward division
48 Chinese coin
50 To fall behind
51 Back of the neck
53 Provaricated
55 Hebrew letter
56 Coronets
59 Neither masculine nor feminine
61 Beast of burden
62 Scandinavian literary works

VERTICAL

1 Unusual
2 You and me
3 Greek letter
4 Cloth measures
5 Asiatic country
6 Symbol for silver
7 Note of scale
8 Dutch weight
9 Frozen water-crystals
10 Cord
11 Interprets
13 Bristles
16 Winter vehicle
19 Slip-knot
21 Eager
22 City in England
25 To compose
27 Unverified report
30 To turn inside out
32 Even
34 Line on which something rotates
36 Shrub
37 To sell in small quantities
38 Appendage
40 Camping places
41 Light and fine
44 River in France
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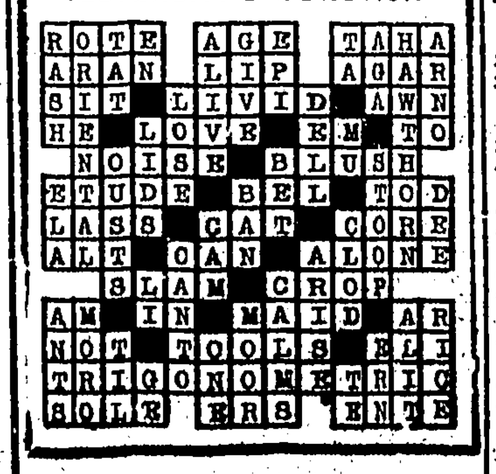

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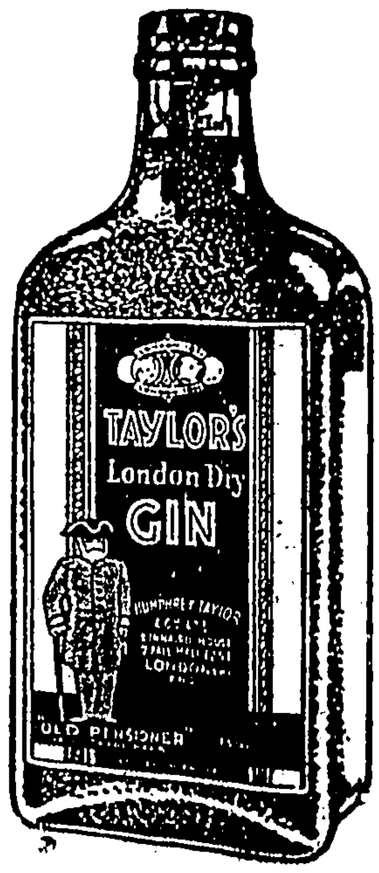

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GERMANS NOT SO POPULAR IN JAPAN

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE Japanese think about Germany? He thinks that his Government thought it expedient, at a time when England appeared to be in greatest danger, to tie up with Germany, and now he has begun to wonder very seriously whether that was wise, writes a special correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald." What does he think about Italy? He doesn't think about Italy at all.

It would be a mistake to describe the Japanese as pro-German, or pro-British; they are merely pro-Japanese. Certainly you find plenty of now generally elderly business men who are pro-British, and plenty of militarists who are pro-Nazis. But they are not representative.

The average Japanese, waiting in the Ginza, and meditating on the quality of sake these days, or, on who is going to win the sumo-wrestling tournament, cares no more about the respective merits and demerits of British and Germans than the average Australian cares about the respective virtues of Senegalese and Annamites. He is alarmed, perhaps, by what he considers American belligerence; he usually lets it go at that.

Among the minority who makes policies and public opinion, of course, it is a different matter. They are very much alive to the situation. They are beginning to wonder whether they have not been left holding the Axis bag.

At the time when the tripartite alliance was signed, a large number of Japanese firmly believed that Britain was about to collapse and that in cooperation with a friendly Germany, Japan could proceed to repaired the world, taking as her share a protectorate over the East Indies, Thai, Indo-China, and Burma for a start. In the first flush of enthusiasm Nazis were encouraged or at least allowed to enter Japan in droves. Now there are some thousands. On one plea and another they wormed their way into Japanese departments.

"Background Workers"

Because Japan was frightened of Communists, and Germany was notoriously anti-Communist, German advisers were allowed in the departments concerned with internal safety. Germany signed her agreement with the Soviet and staggered the Japanese, who are in some respects an ingenuous people. But the advisers remained.

These fifth columnists of Hitler likewise made their way into other departments. They have succeeded in subverting portion of the Press and even getting anti-Jewish drivel published, although the average Japanese would not know a Jew from a jeroboam.

The German Embassy is reported to subsidise one Japanese journal to the extent of 20,000 yen a month — probably in smuggled yen at that, bought at depreciated rates in Shanghai.

German language students are scattered all over the country. In Manchoukuo Germans ride about the country lording it over the inhabitants. Being unable to get their propaganda material out of Germany, they have made Japan the base for the printing of vast quantities of German publicity which is being dumped in the South American countries. At the same time they are stirring up anti-American sentiment.

They are background workers. Their social behaviour is impeccable. There are no frictions in Tokyo's extraordinarily cosmopolitan foreign community. The Imperial Hotel in Tokyo to-day is filled with a larger proportion of the world's diplomats, official and backstairs, spies and counter-spies, log-rollers, and lobbyists, than has probably gathered together since the great days of espionage in Switzerland in the last war.

Here you may find Germans and Americans, Vichy Frenchmen, and de Gaulle Frenchmen, Italians, Poles, Thailanders, Chinese, Indians, South Americans, Dutchmen, Scandinavians, people who have escaped from Finland, over the Siberian railway, refugees from Hitler, all sorts and conditions of people from every corner of the world.

Realities Of The Situation

The explanation is that the Japanese-German-Italian tie-up was interpreted as expediency, and that Japan has no more intention of swallowing Nazi "ideology" than it has of conferring upon Chiang Kai-shek the Order of the Chrysanthemum.

But the extent of the German drive for Japanese support is not to be minimised. The Nazis have made "cultural" penetration a fine art, and, indeed, have left other nations standing. No less a personage than Richard Strauss composed special music for the 2600th anniversary of the Japanese Empire; you can buy the records in Tokyo to-day. There are finely produced German magazines for sale at low prices—printed in English, of course, for Axis and non-Axis alike must speak it in Japan.

It is curious to hear someone saying in perfect English to a Japanese, "Well, did you hear the good news about the fleet?" and to realise that he is a German, and that it is to German claims that he is referring.

In spite of all this, the Japanese are faced by very thought-provoking realities. The China War does not show the slightest sign of conclusion; the United States has adopted what is construed to be a threatening attitude; and the Soviet Government is quietly squeezing the Japanese in the north, exacting a concession here, a concession there. Japan has acquired two allies, one of whom is useless, in any case, and the other unable to render any practical assistance. And she has around her in a far from friendly condition three of the largest and two of the most powerful countries in the world—China, Soviet Russia, and the United States.

UPROAR IN CHICKEN HOUSE

Awakened by an uproar in a poultry pen at 3 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese woman, residing at No. 26, Pau Cheung Street, was just in time to apprehend a Chinese, who was about to escape with six large chickens to escape with chicks.

This morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, Li Fuk, 30, who turned out to be a life banishee, was sentenced by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson to 12 months' hard labour for burglary and for returning from banishment.

HEMINGWAYS AT TEA RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hemingway were guests of honour at a tea reception in Chungking yesterday afternoon given jointly by nine cultural organisations, including the Chinese Institute of Journalism, the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association, the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign, and the Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations.—Central News.

TYPHUS OUTBREAK IN SPAIN

Spanish government authorities have imposed rigid sanitation measures in an effort to stem an epidemic of typhus. At least 200 cases of the disease have been reported. Of the total, 40 were fatal. Typhus is a contagious fever marked by a peculiar rash, with delirium followed by stupor. — Associated Press.

DR. QUO BIDS HIS FAREWELL

DR. QUO TAI-CHI, OUTGOING CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO THE COURT OF ST. JAMES, YESTERDAY BID FAREWELL TO MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL. HE REMAINED WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.

Dr. Quo was honoured at a send-off luncheon by representatives of the Chinese community in Britain. Dr. P. W. Kuo, Vice-Minister of Finance, acted as chief host, and Dr. C. C. Wang, Chairman of the Chinese Purchasing Commission in London, was among other representatives of the Chinese community present.

Dr. Quo, in a brief speech, stressed the necessity of national unity and cooperation in resistance to attain China's freedom and equality in the world.—Central News.

JAPANESE WOMAN'S DEFENCE

"I AM A CHINESE SUBJECT," DECLARED A 39-YEAR-OLD JAPANESE WOMAN, KO OHMORI, OF NO. 10, LUARD ROAD, BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY THIS MORNING, WHEN SHE WAS CHARGED WITH A BREACH OF THE ALIEN REGISTRATION REGULATIONS.

Defendant was alleged to have committed an offence by failing to report her arrival in the Colony on March 22.

She contended she was a Chinese subject and that the Regulations did not affect her. She had requested her papers from Chungking but these had not yet arrived.

Detective-Sergeant Mann, of the Special Branch, agreed that defendant was the wife of a Chinese official, and that she had been in and out of the Colony for the past two years.

The case was adjourned for a week, pending receipt of defendant's papers from Chungking.

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THE FAITH OF LORD HALIFAX

The address of Lord Halifax to the Pilgrims the other day was neither easy platitude nor shrill cry of a wounded lion for help, but rather the confession of a faith that has passed through fire and been refined.

The new British Ambassador who trusted in Munich and found himself betrayed, was a resident of London during the disillusionment of Norway, the anxiety of Dunkirk and the aerial bombings until January, and when he spoke of his sadness in saying farewell to his home in England "at such times as these" he was remembering a home under deadly attack.

But out of frightfulness and shock he emerged to speak in calm tones concerning the responsibilities of victory and the genuine cooperative search for peace and prosperity.

It was a realistic speech. Lord Halifax was quite aware that a new world was being born from the present suffering and that "the upheaval now convulsing the nations will not leave things as they were."

It was also a proud speech—the British Commonwealth, "which by the quality of its resolution is the bastion of world defence to-day!"

But it was essentially a view of the future and a pledge to mankind—offered to questioning Americans and Nazi-enslaved Germans and to "all men and all nations of good will" everywhere. The Ambassador faced the war with the blunt practicality of a Churchill and the humane liberalism of a Roosevelt, the two linked together.

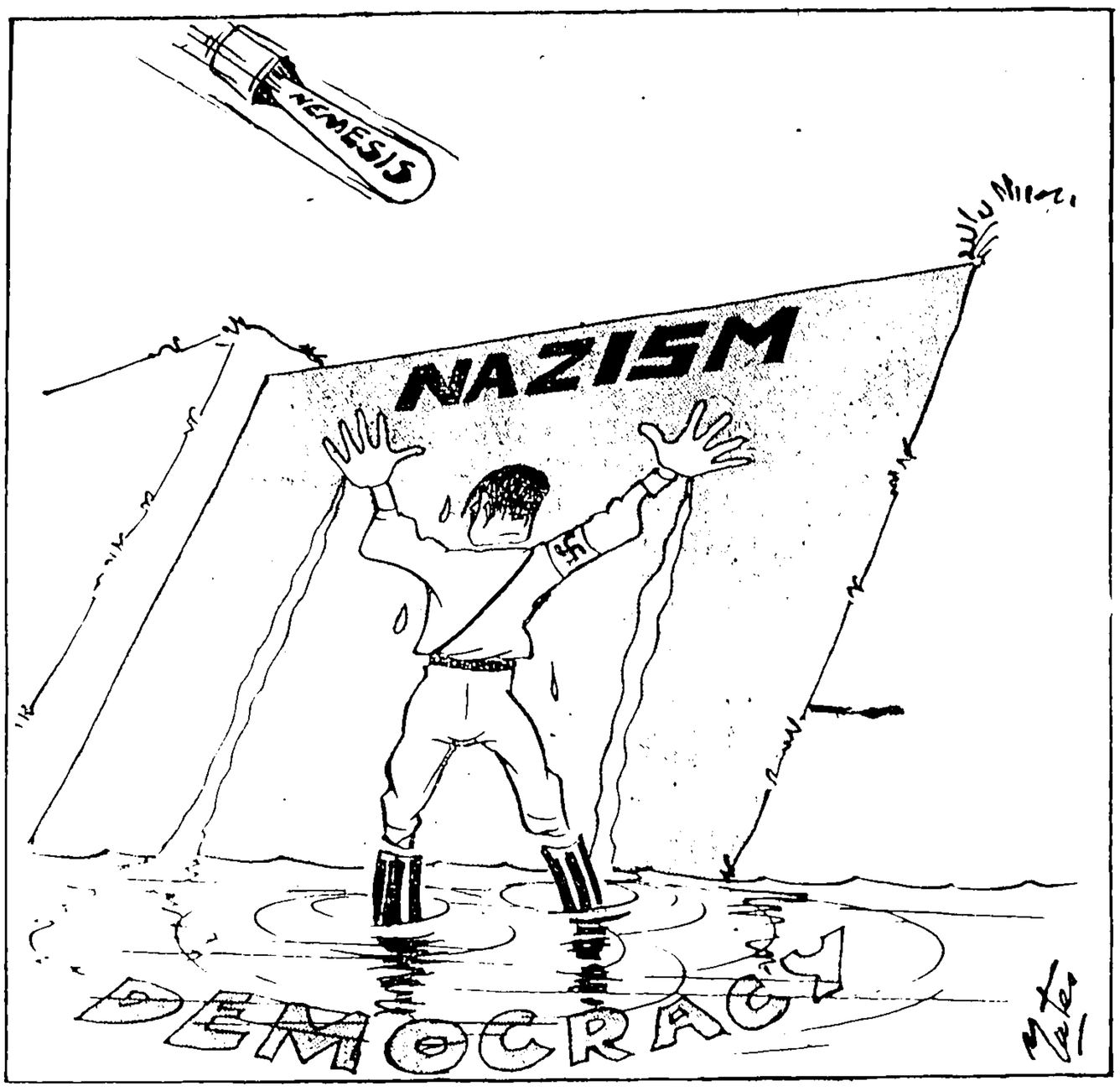
"This, then, is why we are at war," he said, "—to save our freedom from being murdered, as it has been successively murdered . . ." in the long roll-call of European victims. His principal war aim was "to win this life and death struggle for the cause of human freedom.

"But even the achievement of victory would be Dead Sea fruit unless we can also achieve that which must be the greatest peace aim, of securing the world, so far as it is within human power to do so, against a repetition of this tragedy."

He was sure that the fighters for freedom would win this victory. He held "a conviction that is unshakeable that the British people will not be unworthy of the cause by which they stand."

Lord Halifax in his analysis of war aims offered no blueprint or rigid mould. He disregarded any such line-upon-line speculations. But he offered a programme the appeal of which cannot be lost upon sincere and courageous peoples anywhere in the globe. His enumeration of principles and fundamental rights rang true. His pledges to work for a world of co-operation, mutual consideration, generous exchange and the remedying of impoverishment will evoke aspirations.

The faith which Lord Halifax set forth in this first speech of his as Ambassador contained no echo of Tory England, but represented a force which all must recognise as the voice of a renewed England, exalted by sacrifice.



SURGING FLOOD WATERS

The New U-Boat Campaign

By Robert P. Post

As the campaign of the Atlantic develops so there develops with it the old question of the U-boats, those lurking undersea weapons which are still the Germans' chief naval weapon.

In comparing the British and German fleets it must always be remembered that the two nations started this war on an entirely different basis from that in 1914. Then Kaiser Wilhelm II had become imbued with Admiral Mahan's ideas of sea power and had built up a fleet that, while inferior to the Royal Navy in power, was nevertheless capable of taking on the full weight of the British Home Fleet.

Hitler had an entirely different idea. The big battleships are luxuries that only big nations can afford. The modern German Navy is not designed for the traditional form of fleet action. It is designed to cover swift blows by troops such as those on Norway.

Difficult To Catch

It is designed to prey on commerce with raiders. It is dangerous and annoying and infinitely difficult to hunt down.

It is designed to cooperate with the Luftwaffe. Finally it is designed by means of submarines and yet more submarines to prey on British commerce.

Any analysis of the U-boat fleet is dangerous, since it must inevitably involve the most flagrant kind of guessing. First, German submarines are being sunk at an undetermined and unannounced rate; three were sunk recently in a very short space of time. Second, it is impossible to tell, even if one saw every signal the Admiralty received, just how many submarines are actually sunk.

Very often a submarine has been heavily attacked and bubbles of oil appeared, but the submarine returned safely to port. The Germans have been known to shoot out debris and even clothing from a torpedo tube while lying safely on the bottom. There is even one case in the World War when a British Q-ship blew off the conning tower and captured the captain of a U-boat and she still returned to her base.

Third, there is no way here of knowing how many Nazi submarines have been built or are building.

Effect Of R.A.F. Raids

British air raids may have interfered somewhat with their building, but there is no information definite enough to enable any one to make a really accurate deduction on the present shape of the German undersea fleet.

Submarine warfare has certainly been improved since the last war. Engines are better, listening devices have progressed from a rudimentary phase to a high scientific level.

Improvements in construction have resulted in submarines that can withstand harder attacks than could their predecessors. Periscopes are more elaborate and the whole technique of the submarine's attack has probably been improved. Whether there has been any radical change in U-boat design, anything more than refinements, remains to be seen.

There is a report that the Germans have brought out a small short range U-boat that can be shipped overland easily. For that matter so can the bigger ones, at least in pieces. This small submarine is supposed to be manned by a crew of five men or fewer. Its short range is not so very important when it is considered how close the new German bases are to Britain's vital sea lanes.

The biggest improvements probably have been in the speed and methods of construction. It would appear the German submarines can now be turned out in shorter time than previously.

But Britain has never been particularly worried over this factor. The important things are not the ships but the crews. It takes five years to make a good submarine sailor, seven years to make a commander and months to make a good submarine team. Therefore, it is the loss of men that is regarded as most important when a U-boat is sunk.

Secret Listening Device

On balance, it may be possibly said that actual technical progress against the submarine has gone further than that of the U-boat since the last war. The greatest single advance has been in the secret but simple listening device with which all British hunters are now equipped.

So good is this system that, where in the World War it took perhaps fifteen ships two or three days to clear a suspected area of submarines, to-day three or four ships can do the job in a few hours.

Navy men also have their new type of submarine hunter. These corvettes are designed on the model of the chasers used in whaling. They are fast, but above all are manoeuvrable—can turn "on a dime and have 5 cents left over." They have already proved their worth as escorts; and 'planes are also proving of great use.

But all the new devices in the world would not be a good substitute for the most important thing—ships and more ships. Not only ships to hunt the submarines, but ships to replace the ones they sink. The real answer to the submarine menace lies far behind the lines of actual battle.

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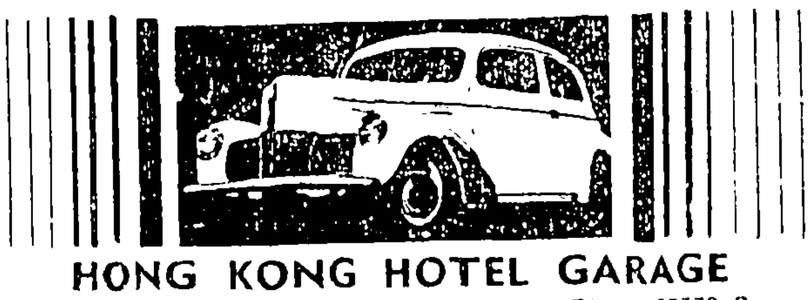

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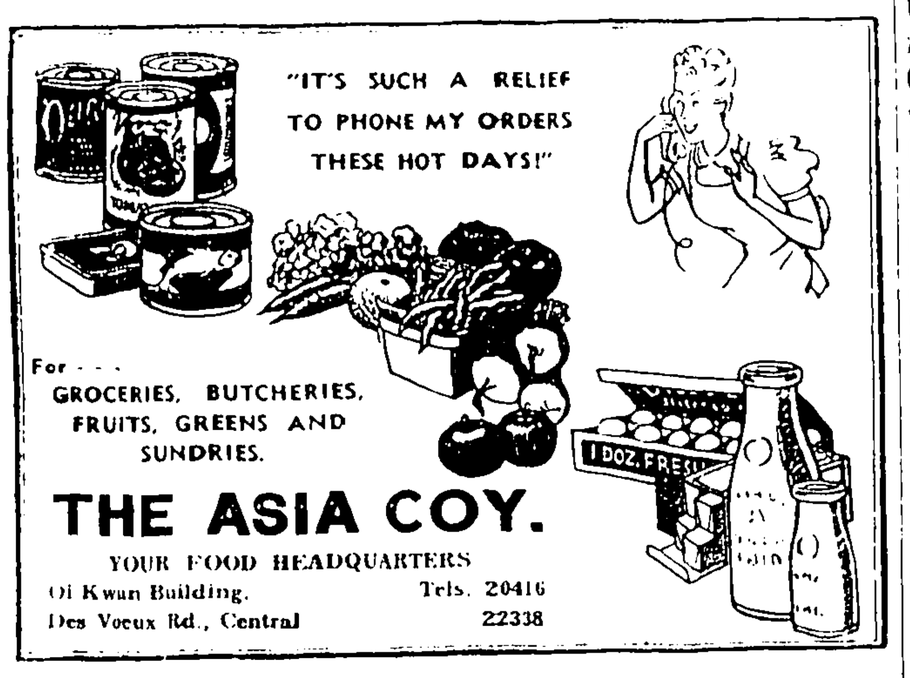

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FLYING FORTRESSES FLOWN ACROSS ATLANTIC

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

A NUMBER OF NEW TYPE UNITED STATES FOUR-ENGINED FLYING FORTRESSES HAVE REACHED BRITAIN FROM THE UNITED STATES, BEATING ALL RECORDS IN THEIR FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

They are known as the Boeing B17C, and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first Flying Fortresses from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates important advancements.

300 Miles An Hour

Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 horse-power, give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet, while at 220 miles an hour it has a range of 2,150 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy, and back.

It can carry a very heavy bomb load. It is 15½ feet high, 68 feet long and has a wing span of over 100 feet, and it carries a crew of seven to nine.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PARACHUTE TROOPS

Japanese paratroops were on view for the first time in Shanghai yesterday when scores of soldiers leaped from 30 large transport 'planes in a demonstration near the Civic Centre in the Kiangwan area, according to the "North China Daily News."

The transport 'planes are said to have been accompanied by many pursuits and fighters. The entire lot flew at about 10,000 feet before the parachutists made the jump, the paper added.

Throughout the day Japanese 'planes flew over the Settlement in large formations. At one time 54 'planes were seen flying in two close formations of 27 each.—Reuter.

CHINESE TROOPS NEAR SHANGHAI

Japanese communications have been interrupted following the destruction of sections of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway between Kashing and Ksiehi, according to Chinese press reports.

Chinese troops are stated to be now moving eastward from the Kinshan, Chapoo and Pinghu areas along the Shanghai-Hangchow highway.

The vanguards of the Chinese are reported to comprise some light mechanised units equipped with rifles and hand-grenades.

Counteracting the Chinese move, several thousand Japanese troops have been sent from Shanghai to the threatened areas, it is added.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

German aircraft flying singly dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during daylight yesterday.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales on Sunday night.—Reuter.

PICKED WRONG TARGETS

Two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early yesterday morning a Heinkel fell to the British trawler "Kingston Amber," while a Junkers nose-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a Free French submarine-chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage.—Reuter.

HONG KONG WAR GAMES BEGIN TO-DAY

Local military manoeuvres, to last four or five days, commenced early this morning when all vital points in the Colony, including piers and wharfs, were manned by British troops.

The manoeuvres are taking place on both the Island and the mainland.

MUSLIM PLAN FOR INDIA

Muslims would never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one Government at the centre, declared Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting in Madras yesterday.

He advocated "the establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India, with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared Muslims were an independent nationality and any attempt to get them to merge their national political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted.

One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule.

The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote goodwill and harmony on a basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity.—Reuter.

U.S. GREENLAND ARRANGEMENT TO STAY PUT

M. HENRIK DE KAUFFMAN, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

M. de Kauffman signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark, after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

M. de Kauffman had previously acquiesced in President Roosevelt's plan to purchase ships in United States ports which were being held in United States custody.

M. de Kauffman declared he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement.

U.S. Assent

He added he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling M. de Kauffman and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly-authorised Danish Minister in Washington.—Reuter.

NEW IRAQ CABINET

SAYID RASHID ALI EL GALLANI, CHIEF CIVILIAN LEADER IN THE IRAQ COUP D'ETAT, HAS SUCCEEDED IN FORMING A CABINET UNDER HIS PRESIDENCY.

The Cabinet, announced by the Royal Iraq Legation in London, shows Sayid Rashid as Prime Minister, and includes Sayid Musa al Shabander as Foreign Minister, Sayid Naji al Suwaida as Finance Minister, Sayid Naji Shawkat as Defence Minister, and Sayid Ali Mahmud al Sheikh Ali as Minister of Justice.—Reuter.

PILOT GETS HOME ON ONE ENGINE AND HALF A RUDDER

HOW THE SKILL of a pilot and the toughness of an aircraft won a victory against a German night fighter and brought crew and bomber safely home on one engine and with half the rudder gone, is told by the Air Ministry news service.

On the way back from an attack on a German town a Messerschmidt intercepted the bomber and at the beginning of the encounter put one of its engines out of action.

Bullets pierced the fuselage, broke the wireless apparatus and wounded one of the crew in the shoulder.

Then the enemy came boldly on to attack from the rear but too boldly and the tip of his wing smashed into the bomber's rudder, half the rudder came away but the enemy obviously had the worst of the collision. He dived steeply away and apparently out of control.

But to control the bomber the pilot had to use all his skill.

The bomber seemed to be hobbling along and on the way back over Germany and Holland it could not be got above 700 feet.

Towns and villages looked uncomfortably close and by the time it reached the Dutch coast it was down to 500 feet.

Chanced The Sea

The pilot thought it would be better to chance the sea rather than land in Holland and be taken prisoner. To lighten the aircraft they threw out everything loose.

Then they discovered that a heavy bomb was still underneath them. Shrapnel from A.A. guns must have disorganised the release apparatus when they were over the target. As soon as the bomb was clear the pilot was able to get up to 1,000 feet though the aircraft was still difficult to steer. But he managed to keep it on the course and safely crossed the North Sea and landed without further mishap. British Wireless.

PILOT'S THRILLING ESCAPE

Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No-Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew.

His escape, first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service yesterday.

Returning to his squadron, the pilot said he was just about dead-beat when he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer he is reported to have said: "We had been ground-strafing German motorised columns and had done a deuce of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine." Reuter.

CORDELL HULL DENOUNCES DICTATORS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in a formal message on the eve of Pan-American Day, denounced the Dictators' "brutal disregard of morality" and urged the 21 American Republics to rededicate their energies to defence of the common frontiers and the preservation of freedom.

Mr. Hull proclaimed the keystone of inter-American relations was the "sanctity of the pledged word," which binds the Americas together against European aggression." International News Service.

MASS RAID ON MALTA

A LARGE NUMBER OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT DROPPED MANY BOMBS WHEN FLYING OVER MALTA IN WAVES DURING SUNDAY NIGHT.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made yesterday but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

ALIENS TO GET BADGE

French aliens working in Britain are to be given official badges, a button for the men and a brooch for the women. The badges design will be a smith forging a sword.

This was announced by the Ministry of Labour, which has set-up a Central Agency to be responsible for making use of the services of these aliens.

There is in Britain a total foreign population of about a quarter of a million.

British Aliens

It is an essential feature in the placing of foreigners in war work here that they shall have the same wages and conditions as British subjects, the Ministry states.

Allied nationals will come under the unemployment and national health insurance systems, and have all the advantages of the social welfare Acts open to the normal citizens of Britain after they have qualified.

A good number will probably be drafted to the Government's training centres.

A special section for women has been set up, and the training centres will shortly be open to them.

Arrangements are being made to open several special exchanges in the London area for certain nationalities, to be run no co-operative lines, with the help of the Allied authorities.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL ELECTION PROBLEMS

WITH THE SPECIAL MEETING of ratepayers, at which the names and composition of the Provisional Shanghai Municipal Council will be officially authorised by foreign ratepayers, only two days away, it was reported in reliable Chinese circles, although not officially confirmed, that Mr. Pan An-sun, manager of the Central Reserve Bank, and Mr. Jabin Hsu, head of the trust department of the same institution, would be named as two of the four Chinese councillors.

The two other Chinese councillors to be nominated will be Mr. L. T. Yuan and Mr. Yu Lin-hsi, only two Chinese members of the present Council who at present are in Shanghai.

The other three members, Messrs. Yu Ya-ching, V. Gockson and T. C. Shen, left Shanghai some time ago.

The difficulty experienced in nominating Chinese members to the new Council is first due to the fact that a large number of executive members of the Chinese Ratepayers Association are not in Shanghai at present.

Chungking Silent

Five men were finally nominated by the Association. However, with the new situation arising as a result of negotiations between the consuls-general for Britain, Japan and the United States, by which a provisional council composed of 16 members is likely to be created, for which the Chinese will only get four members, the Chinese Ratepayers Association was called upon to make a new announcement.

With Chungking not having given its approval of the plan proposed by the three consuls-general, and with the majority of members of the Chinese Ratepayers Association not in Shanghai, no move was made by the Chinese.

The appointment of four Chinese is likely officially to be announced to-day.—Reuter.

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By The Four Aces

"This is a funny one," writes a Hardford, Conn., fan. "Like a pair of idiots, my partner and I missed a cold game in spades. But if we had bid it, the opponents would have gone to five hearts — and made it! So we actually benefited by being too conservative!

East, Dealer
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North: ♠ A Q 7 2 ♡ Q ◇ K Q 8 4 ♣ K J 8 3
West: ♠ — ♡ K 10 9 8 7 6 3 ◇ 10 9 6 3 ♣ A 7
East: ♠ 8 6 3 ♡ A 4 ◇ A J 6 ♣ 10 9 5 4 2
South: ♠ K J 10 9 5 4 ♡ J 5 2 ◇ 7 2 ♣ Q 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3♡	Dbl.
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass

"We're satisfied enough with what actually happened, but can't help wondering how we'd feel if the opponents were unable to do much at five hearts. Then we'd have missed a game with nothing to compensate us for the loss. How should we have bid it?"

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We think that South should jump to four spades over North's double of three hearts. South would be compelled to bid three spades with a pretty poor hand (although he could pass if the hand were poor enough and contained no long or short suits). And if South had such a poor hand, North would be doing the right thing to leave it at three spades since even that contract might be a little dangerous.

But since South has a rather good hand (good, that is, opposite a partner who can afford to ask for a takeout at the level of three or four), he should express his values by bidding four rather than only three spades. That is the type of bid which takes a partner "off the spot."

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 10 5 3
♡ 7 2
◇ Q 10 4
♣ A Q 9

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠ (?)	Pass	3◇	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner's bid shows game hopes but denies support for spades. Since you have two stoppers in the unbid suit, together with slight extra values not shown by your opening bid, you can afford to suggest game at no-trump.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 40% for four diamonds, 20% for three spades.

Question No. 690

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Maier
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3◇	Pass
3NT (?)	Pass	4♡ (?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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CHILD DYING, PIONEER LEFT

Pathetic stories were told when several Pioneers were court-martialled in London for being absent without leave.

Of Private Frank Sellars, who denied deserting H.M. Forces, his own officer, Captain Robinson, who defended him, said he had to refuse the man leave, but Sellars went home to see his sick child, who had since died.

"Sellars," said Captain Robinson, "thought so much of his kiddie that it has affected his mental balance, and he has been wandering round not knowing where he was."

Pioneer Colin Stead was said to have had no leave since going to France in December, 1939. He twice absented himself to see his child, who was seriously ill with pneumonia, but had since recovered.

For Private Robert Ord it was pleaded that the horrors which he experienced in the last war, when he received shell shock, were revived last November when a bomb fell near him while he was on leave in Newcastle.

He lost his steel helmet and railway voucher, wandered about not knowing what he was doing, and was arrested by the civil police at Luton while returning to his company.

Decision in all cases will be promulgated.

PLANS "DO" FOR WAR CAPTIVES

After raising nearly a quarter of a million for its war weapons week—which aimed at £100,000—Farnham, Surrey, has another cause.

It has a big proportion of prisoners of war in Germany—nearly 200—and Tom Baker, a greengrocer in the town, means to give them a "big do" when they come home.

He is making himself personally responsible for collecting at least £100 for this. "Anything over that, of course, will be welcome," Tom told a reporter. "The more money, the bigger the do.'

Already he has collected £14 11s.

Mrs. Farrow, of Union Street, gave the fund a good kick-off with £2 in thankfulness for her son's escape from Dunkirk.

Tom explained that the Farnham men belonged to a Surrey battalion which was surrounded by the enemy without much chance of escaping.

CHURCHILL —IN DOZENS!

After working as a tool maker at an aircraft factory during the night, a young man comes home and by day turns out plaster casts of Mr. Churchill.

He has already made—and sold—dozens of them. One of the first went to Mrs. Churchill, who wrote praising his workmanship and the life-like features.

John Douglas, of Golders Green, N.W., had been a waiter, a carpenter, a bricklayer and a steeplejack before he took up sculpture.

His Mr. Churchill has the famous grin, the walking-stick, the cigar, and the celebrated hat.

"The trouble is I can't turn them out fast enough," he told a reporter.

"I've sent a small batch to a London stores and am sure of selling them by the hundred—but I can turn out only about twenty-five a week. Each is hand-cast and coloured.

"I started work as a waiter at a West End hotel. My father, who is director of a family concern owning hotels and restaurants, wanted me to learn the business. I became manager of a seaside hotel.

Sudden Urge

"Then I spent a year as a bricklayer and another as carpenter.

"It was while watching a film that I had a sudden urge to try my hand at sculpture. I started in earnest and after a while managed to make a bare living by making and selling masks."

Douglas tried to join the R.A.F., but they couldn't take him, so he went to work in an aircraft factory.

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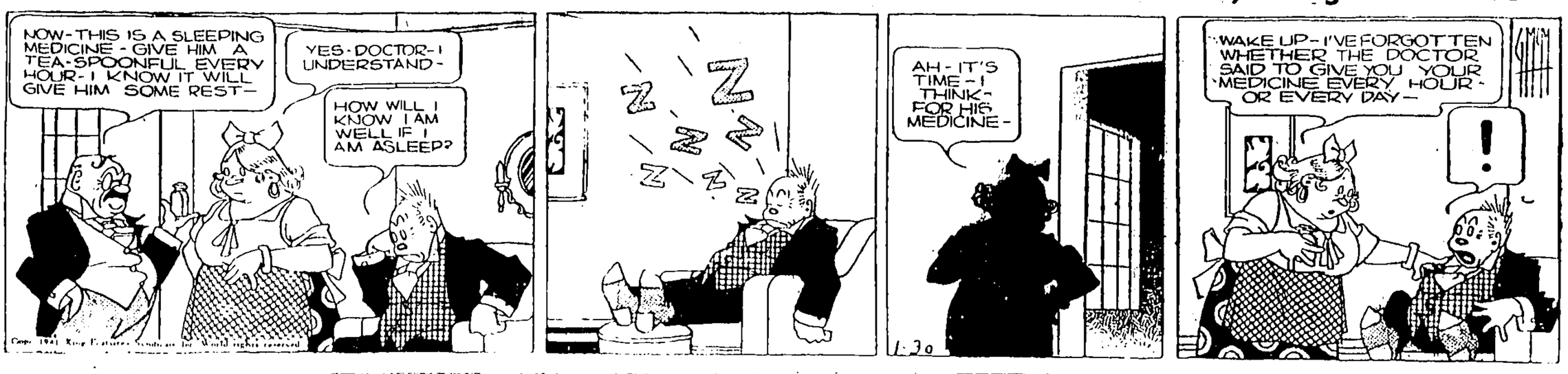

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Correct Powder Shade

Months of living long hours indoors, glimpsing the sun only as we hustle along to lunch, makes the skin sallow which is not in tune with the vogue for healthy, fresh-looking faces. The answer to this beauty problem is to select a face powder with a deeper, warmer tone than what you have been using.

If you are blond and have been in the habit of matching your skin with a light natural powder, try either a rose cream or a new sunlight shade, and see how your skin takes on life and beauty. Rose cream has a warm pink undertone, lovely with blond hair and blue eyes. The sunlight shade (as you might guess) has a rich glow in it makes you into a sun maiden instantly! Both of these shades may also be used by brunettes with ivory skin who like to contrast pale skin with dark eyes and hair.

The olive-skinned brunettes, however, will find these shades too light to warm their skins with an outdoor glow for them powder of medium tone a rose-dawn or brunette. Very dusky brunettes need still deeper shades and two have been mixed and with lovely rose tones one lighter, one darker.

Before experimenting with new powder shades you must examine your skin most carefully when it is free of all make-up, and while you are standing in the streaming sunlight. You know artists never paint flesh with pink and white tones alone. They mix in a little green, or blue, or rose, or purple, to get that translucent texture which is so difficult to describe but so desired by all women.

Really good powders are mixed with these shades too, so they may actually blend with your current skin tone. You must select a powder shade which will very slightly exaggerate the colours you see in your skin as you stand in the sunlight, mirror in hand.

You may slip the first choice you make, for colours are tricky business, even for experts, but try until you hit the perfect shade which warms up your skin.

Thus bringing the sun indoors in powder is the best way possible to freshen up a winter-weary skin, and as spring blossoms into summer, and you actually do get kissed by the good sun's rays, you simply keep deepening your powder to the proper shade.

Turn on the sun! Wake up your face with new complexion tones in powder. Don't let your face look winter weary!

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WAR BRINGS BRITAIN MORE BABIES

IN THE EARLY PART of 1940 more than 6,500 babies a week were born in England and Wales, and it is believed that this figure was more than doubled in the later weeks of the year.

The Registrar-General's annual report, just issued, indicates that 1940 will show a high level both for births and marriages.

More people than ever got married in 1939. The number of marriages was 437,406 — a record.

There were 75,638 more weddings than in 1938.

The figures show, as they did in the last war, that as life becomes more hazardous, more people marry, more babies are born, and the proportion of boy babies to girls rises.

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Why are more boys born in wartime than in peace?

Many believe it is Nature's way of making good the wastage of war.

One explanation is that as most war marriages are between young women and men in the Services, who are more physically fit than in peace-time, there is a tendency for the stronger partner to reproduce his own sex.

Another theory, based partly on figures of the last war, is that a shortage of foods containing sugar encourages the birth of boys. In countries where food conditions were bad in 1914-18 considerably more boys than girls were born.

Expert Aid Available

Factors which influence the increase in births include bigger allowances for the dependants of men in the Forces and the larger number of welfare centres. Women know that wherever they are they are within reach of a maternity centre where expert help and advice are available.

Live births in 1939 totalled 621,204 and the birth rate was 15.1 per thousand of the population—0.2 higher than in 1937, 0.3 higher than in 1936 and 0.7 higher than in 1933.

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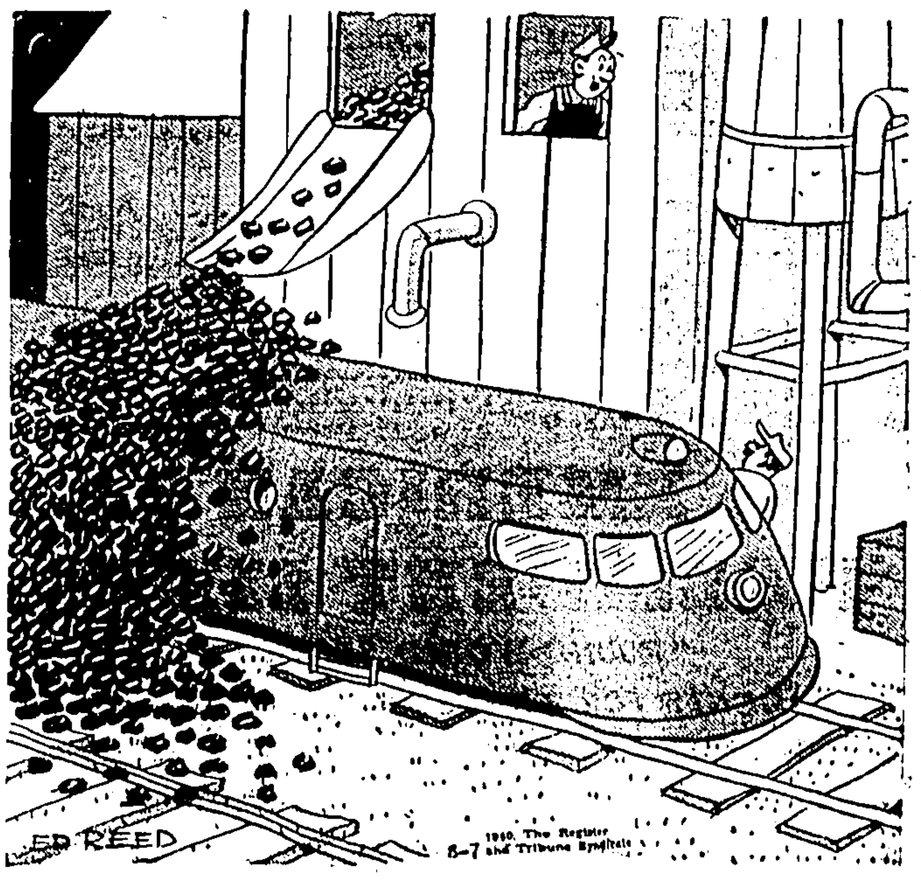

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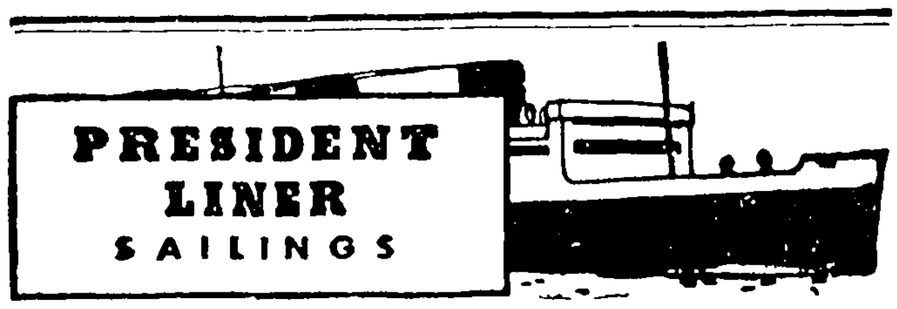

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12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Richard Strauss.
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1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Remember September (Noel-Pelosi). Love Stay in my Heart (from 'Top of the World') . . Les Allen with Instr acc Organ. Dixon Hits No 21 Intro Tears in my heart, In my little red book, Once in a while, The pretty little patchwork quilt, The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; Don't ever change Reginald Dixon Humorous Monologue The Voice of Inexperience Oliver Wakefield Piano I Was Lucky (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere'); Rhythm of the Rain, Intro Valentine' (film 'The Man from Folies Bergere') Renara Vocal Let's Break the Good News (Davis) Les Allen with Novelty acc.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr Piercy) Alfredo & His Orchestra Funiculi-Funicula (Denza). La Danza (Rossini) Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. & Chorus Gipsy Princess Waltz (Kalman); In Gypsy Land (arr. Michaeloff) . . . Alfredo & His Orchestra. Olympia's Aria 'The Doll's Song ('Tales of Hoffmann' - Offenbach) . . . Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. Old Bohemian Town (Kennedy); Qara Mia (Stevier & Prisker). . . . Alfredo & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Gershwin Programme.
Rhapsody in Blue . . Boston Orchestra cond by Arthur Fiedler. Piano J. M. Sanroma. Bess, You Is My Woman Now (from 'Porgy & Bess') Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orch. Strike Up The Band (from the Musical Comedy) . Boston Orchestra cond by Arthur Fiedler. Summer Time (from 'Porgy & Bess'). Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orch

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Britain Speaks'. Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Studio—Talk by William Jenkins on "The Experiences of an International Red Cross Relief Worker in China".
8.15 p.m.—Popular Classics.
Arab Dance from Tchaikowsky's 'Nutcracker Suite' Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orch. Serenade (Schubert) Herbert Janssen (Baritone) with Piano 'Midsummer Night's Dream'. Scherzo (Mendelssohn). The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel) Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano). Ave Maria (Schubert) . . Erna Berger (Soprano) with String Quartet. Minuet in G (Paderewski-Kreisler); Minuet (Boccherini). . . Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with String Quartet. Swing Low, Sweet Chariot. . . Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano. Clair De Lune (Debussy); Prelude in C Minor, Op. 28, No. 20; Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 68, No. 2 (both Chopin). . . . John Hunt (Piano) Alleluia (Mozart) . . . . Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra. Moment Musicale in A Flat Major, Op. 94, No. 6 (Schubert). . . William Backhaus (Piano).
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.
9.30 p.m.—A Scottish Programme with Joseph Hislop and Moray Macdonald. Hieland Laddie (Carruthers) . . . New Mayfair Orchestra. Jessie, The Flower of Dunblane (Smith). . . . Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Orch. Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: The Atholl Highlanders; Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie Dundee . . Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Q.O. Cameron Highlanders. The Boatman; Kishmul's Galley ('Songs of the Hebrides'—arr. Kennedy Fraser). . . Moray Macdonald (Soprano) with Piano (Singing in Gaelic). Savoy Scottish Medley (arr. Debroy Somers). . . New Mayfair Orch. MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn); Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox). . . . Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano.
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.
10.15 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show. Harry Roy & His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Got No Time (from 'Cotton Club Parade'); I'm Gonna Put You In Your Place. . . . "Fats" Waller & His Rhythm. Swing Fox-Trots—Jungle Drums; Back Bay Shuffle . . . . Artie Shaw: & His Orchestra. Tangos—Vieja Amiga; La Maleva . . . . Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Slow Fox-Trot—Sha-Sha; Fox-Trot—The Latin Quarter (film 'The Gay Impostors'). . . . The Six Swingers. Waltz—Where the Shannon Flows Down to the Sea. . . . Billy Cotton & His Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

WAITER STABS GOERING IN CAFE —AMERICAN REPORT

AN ATTEMPT to assassinate Goering in a famous Paris restaurant has been hushed up by the German authorities of occupation there.

The Frenchman who tried to stab him was shot within an hour of the attempt, but a threat uttered by the man as he was led away has caused Goering to flee from Paris, where for many weeks he strutted and drove about as a truculent conqueror.

John Vanderbilt, an American correspondent in Berlin of a big American radio-network, now in Britain, tells the story.

Vanderbilt, having obtained first information from French sources, asked Braun von Stumm, the Nazi Government spokesman at a Press conference:

"Is it true that an attempt has been made on the life of Field-Marshal Goering? Is it true that a Paris waiter has been shot without trial as a result?"

Vanderbilt says: "Von Stumm choked with rage and, of course, denied it."

The facts are: Goering's custom was to wine and dine at Maxime's, the celebrated Parisian restaurant, with ostentatious ceremonial.

One Waiter Overlooked

Every waiter in the restaurant was hand-picked—or so it was thought.

One had been overlooked — the coffee waiter.

One night, as he laid the coffee pot before the Marshal with one hand he struck a dagger at his back with the other.

He did not know that Goering wore a metal-mesh waistcoat. It deflected the blow, which merely scratched the German's shoulder.

The waiter was pounced on by Goering's guards. Within an hour he was executed.

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Dennis Morgan, who was showered by broken glass, pulled Miss Oberon out of the way as the taxicab over-turned.

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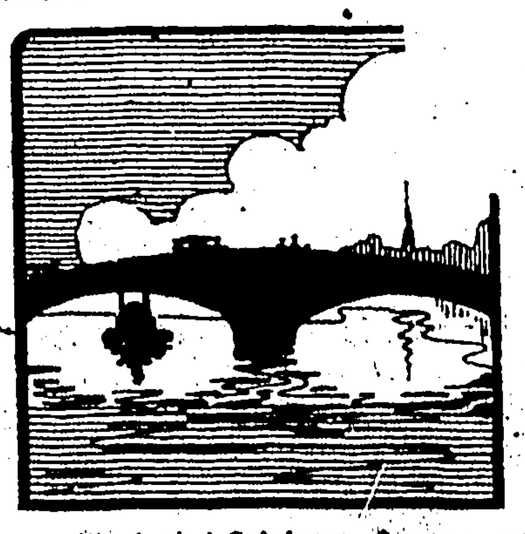

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COLONY'S SHIPPING DECLINE

The shareholders' meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., was held this morning at the offices of Dodwell and Company.

Nett profits for the year under review amounting to $27,928 58 was disclosed.

The Chairman the Hon Mr. S. H Dodwell, said:

With considerably fewer ships using this port as a result of the war, water sales have been seriously affected. Total sales for the year amounted to 488,865 tons, or 88,500 tons, less than 1939 sales The position has still further deteriorated since the 31st December last and at present we are only averaging 1,000 tons a day, which is 25% lower than in 1940.

Our four Diesel-engined boats have carried out the bulk of the deliveries. With Coal at its present prohibitive price the steam-engined boats are too expensive to run and we have laid them up in Yaumati Typhoon Shelter as often as possible.

In this connection we have been helped considerably by the Taikoo Sugar Refining Company, from whom we always draw part of our supplies The new 500-ton storage tank for filtered water which they have erected enables us to fill our Diesel boats with 300 tons of water in half an hour. This considerable saving in filling time means more work can be got out of these boats and is almost as good as having another boat.

It was decided last year to convert No. 9 Waterboat to a Diesel Engined boat and also to instal a new pumping set to increase its rate of delivery. The pumping unit has arrived in the Colony and is in the process of being erected, but I regret to report that the propelling machinery was lost on its way out from Home by enemy action. A new engine has been ordered and is expected in a couple of months' time.

Two Boats Commandeered

Early in March this year the Naval Authorities commandeered two steam waterboats. Although the rate of hire will probably be small, having them taken off our hands will mean an appreciably saving in crew's wages, upkeep and insurance, and unless the demand for water should show an unexpected increase, we should not have difficulty in meeting our customers requirements.

The Superintendent reports that the fleet is in first class condition and barring accidents should be in no need of major repairs for some time to come.

The profit on Working is $45,851.57, nearly H.K.$16,000 less than the previous year, and this is amost entirely due to the reduced sales In view of the increase in running costs it was decided to raise our price for water from 55 cts. to 60 cts. per ton but this increase only came into effect on the 1st October and so has not appreciably increased our revenue.

Comparing expenses with the previous year, savings on account of Coal, Launch Working and Stores have been offset by increases in cost of Oil Fuel, and Office Expenses. The latter due to a Higher Cost of Living Allowance of 10% granted the Staff and the Special War Taxation which was just under $2,000.

Boat Sold

The figures shown for Depreciation on Waterboats and Launch in the Profit and Loss A/C is some $1,500 lower than the previous year and this represents the depreciation which would have been chargeable on No. 8 Waterboat which was sold in February 1940.

The profit on the sale of this boat which amounted to $14,828,07 has been transferred to General Reserve.

The net profit for the year under review is $27 928.58, and adding to this the amount carried forward from last year of $3,278,-95 leaves us with $31.207.53 for appropriation, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:—Transfer to General Reserve $5,171.93, Transfer to Staff Leave & Contingency A/c. $2,490.44, Transfer to Special Repairs $3,000.00, Dividend of 45 cents on 38,813 shares $17,465.85, Carry forward to next account $3.079.31.

The adoption of the accounts was seconded by Mr. R. K. Valentine and carried unanimously.

Those present included: the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Messrs. A. H. Veltman, L. J. Davies and R. Ono (Consulting Committee), Messrs. R. K. Valentine, W. Wright J. S. Howell and V. Yvanovich (Shareholders); Mr. A. C. I. Bowker (Secretary); and Mr. F. E. Edwards (Superintendent).

BANK DRAFT CHARGE

WONG SANG, 35, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR G T LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH STEALING A BANK DRAFT FOR $500 FROM MRS HO LIN, OF NO. 24, SECOND STREET, ON APRIL 9, WITH OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES FROM THE CHUN HING BANK ON APRIL 14, AND WITH ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN $100 BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Accused pleaded not guilty

It was alleged that defendant went to the Chun Hing Bank, No 2B, Pottinger Street, and produced a bank draft for $500, which he said belonged to him. He was given $400. When he went to the bank on April 14, for the balance of $100 he was arrested

The case was adjourned to tomorrow.

Inspector Hallam is in charge of the case

CAPTURED "DIVING TWIN" IS A BATMAN IN GERMANY NOW

The father of Reginald Shuttleworth, R.A.F radio operator and gunner, who is now a prisoner in Germany, has received a letter from him stating that he is now quite fit after spending many months in a German hospital receiving treatment for a shrapnel wound in the arm

He added that he is serving as batman to several English officers.

Reginald Shuttleworth was a member of the crew of a British bomber which failed to return to its base in France last May. James Shuttleworth, his 22-year-old twin brother, also a radio operator and gunner, was reported missing earlier in the same month and is presumed dead.

The twins were posted to the same squadron in France soon after the war began, and shared the same billet.

Before the war they were known as the "Diving Twins" by members of the London Diving Club, which they represented in several English spring-board diving championships.

PAID TO JOIN IN A FIGHT

Confessing that he had been paid $10 to participate in a fight, Lo Yun, 26, was sentenced to a month's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for conspiring to fight in Jervois Street, and for possession of a dagger.

Two other Chinese were discharged, the prosecuting officer offering no evidence against them.

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INDIAN NAVY AT WORK, AT CLOSE QUARTERS

(By Reuter's Correspondent on board a warship of the Royal Indian Navy)

I AM RETURNING TO PORT after a day at sea with the Royal Indian Navy in which I have been able to watch from close quarters something of the unobtrusive but arduous and vital work which India's Navy has been performing since the outbreak of war and the methods by which its ever-growing personnel are training by practical instruction.

As dawn was breaking, I slipped out of harbour on board a mine-sweeper engaged this time not in sweeping operations but in a gunnery practice shoot. On board was a class of gunnery pupils and their instructor.

Dropping a target resembling a U-Boat conning-tower overboard, we moved away in wide circles. Numerous salvoes were fired and the shooting was excellent

"If it had been a real U-boat she would have been scuppered all right," remarked the instructor, and his pupils grinned happily, for this was their first practical test after long hours of instruction.

Transferring to another warship, I watched a mock dive-bombing attack and saw the crew running to action stations, and later witnessed a demonstration of depth-charge dropping by another batch of pupils

U-Boat Detection

Finally a third batch of pupils came on board for submarine detection training and we spent a thrilling hour searching out our elusive under-water quarry.

While returning to port I visited the comfortable quarters of officers and ratings. I noted the food arrangements were excellent. They have a well-stocked canteen while a sports committee arranges competitions in various popular indoor games.

As the anchor rattled down on return to port and the liberty-men cheerfully went ashore I reflected that the Indian Navy, by its efficient performance and arduous and difficult yet vital role, is fully maintaining its great traditions.

Rapidly growing in strength as the weeks pass, India's Silent Service in its own quiet way is worthily equalling the magnificent feats of Indian troops overseas. --Reuter.

LOCAL SIKHS & UNITY IN EMPIRE

All Sikhs in the Colony gathered at the Sikh Temple in Gap Road on Sunday to celebrate the Anniversary of The Birthday of Khalsa. Among the Sikhs this day is considered one of the most important occasions and is celebrated with full pomp as on this day, over 24 decades ago, the Sikh Religion was founded by the tenth Guru, Siri Guru Gobind Singh — the last prophet of the Sikh Religion.

The occasion was marked by the presence of the new Police Commissioner the Hon. Mr. J. P Pennefather-Evans, as well as Mr. C. G. Perdue, and the Commissioner of Prisons, Major J. Willcocks. Others present included Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Superintendent in Charge Indian Police Contingent and Mr. O. Eager, D C. P. (reserves) together with many other prominent members of the local Sikh Community.

Prayers were offered both in the morning and evening for the preservance of the religion as well as for the success of British arms in all theatres of the War. At the termination of the services the Committee held a tea-party in honour of the distinguished visitors and gave a historical account of the great event. He alluded to the tyranny of the rulers of India at that time and compared it with Nazi Tyranny and barbarism, saying also that as right represented by the Sikhs had overcome the might and brutality of the unjust rule in those days, so also in the end would the forces of democracy represented by Britain and her allies triumph over the ruthlessness, barbarism and greediness of Hitler and his gangsters.

He compared a Sikh to a fully equipped soldier and exhorted all Sikhs present to make some sacrifice for the benefit of their brethren serving in the middle East, and to bear them always in mind as a light shining in the darkness.

Concluding his address the President exhorted his colleagues and members of the community to remain loyal and steadfast despite all attempts to shake them, for the success of India depended on the success of Britain, and to pray that justice and liberty shall once again prevail throughout the world.

Mr. Ishar Singh, Hon. Secretary also addressed the gathering and again thanked the visitors, adding that their presence among them was a symbol of unity within the borders of the British Empire. For the visitors, the Hon. Mr. J. P Pennefather-Evans suitably responded.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

More Sports Contests Between Army And Volunteers Mooted

Tennis Trial To Be Held Shortly

By "Squaddy"

ONCE again the Junior Shield has been retained by a military team, this time by Royal Army Service Corps, who defeated South China last Saturday by 4-1, after extra time.

The outstanding player on the field was Cpl. Young who, at centre-half, played himself to a standstill; he made several openings for his forwards and had the opposing centre-forward well marked.

Service Corps this season have scored more goals than any other team in all three Divisions and have set up another record of 106 goals.

I understand that Cpl Glen, then outside right is going to give up football and settle down to an easier game, he is the oldest member of the team and deserves a rest.

Middlesex completed their League fixtures on Saturday by defeating Hong Kong Club by 4-0 and Royal Scots completed their fixtures by beating the Police by 3-2, this making their fourth win in succession. If they had played as well at the opening of the season they might have had a few more points.

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RUGBY

ROYAL Engineers have again won the Army seven-a-side knockout tournament, and this gives them the Army Rugby treble, as they won the Small Units competition, Large Units Rugby League and the seven-a-sides.

In this competition they did not have a point scored against them and scored 76 themselves.

Cpl. Birrell, who is the outstanding player, scored 45 points out of the 76.

Following are the results in order of all games played by Sappers in the Army Leagues during the past three years:

1938-39

Seven-a-Side

beat Middlesex "B"	13	6
beat Royal Scots	6	3
beat Middlesex "A"	5	0
beat Ordnance	12	3

1939-40

Seven-a-Side

beat Royal Scots "B"	11	0
beat Middlesex "A"	8	5
beat Royal Scots "A"	9	3

Inter Unit League

beat Middlesex	3	0
lost to 8th Heavy R A	0	7
beat 5th A A	28	0
beat 8th Heavy R A	9	3
beat 5th A.A	18	0
beat Middlesex	12	0
beat Royal Scots	8	0

1940-41

Small Units League

beat 12th Heavy R A	3	0
beat R A M C	16	6
beat 5th A A	17	6
beat Royal Scots	9	0

Large Units League

beat Combined R A	9	8
beat Combined Small Units	6	3
beat Middlesex	3	0
beat Middlesex	6	3
beat Royal Scots	3	0
beat Combined Small Units	14	0
beat Combined R A	13	3

Seven-a-Side

beat 12th R A	21	0
beat Medicals	14	0
beat 5th A A "B"	17	0
beat 5th A A "A"	24	0

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HOCKEY

THE Large Units Hockey League, which Middlesex Regiment won, is not being played off for by the two top teams, as was first mentioned at the commencement of the League, but the two top teams will play off for the Garrison Hockey Cup, which in previous seasons has been played on a knockout basis. At the time of going to press, only winning team known is Middlesex Regiment, and they will receive a set of small shields.

It has been suggested that Lieut J. D. Clague, the Area Hockey Secretary, is arranging for the Royal Artillery to have a seven-a-side hockey tournament for the Artillery only.

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CRICKET

AT Sookunpoo on Sunday a very interesting match was seen between Royal Engineers, winners of the Large Units Cricket League, and No. 3 (M.G.) Company H.K.V.D.C. which resulted in a win for the Volunteers by 21 runs. At one time the Engineers were in a very good position, having 95 on the board for the loss of two wickets.

Spr. Ratcliffe was the top scorer of the day with 61 runs, hitting nine boundaries. Both sides were quick in the field and some very good catches were taken.

T. A. Madan, who batted well scored 40 not out and hit four boundaries, and Matthews and Mackay also made thirties.

More of these matches between the Volunteers and the Army should be encouraged, not only at cricket but at all sports.

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TENNIS

IT is proposed to hold a trial for all those who wish to be included in the Army League tennis teams during the forthcoming Colony League season.

Units are asked to forward to the Hon. Secretary, Area Tennis, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, the names of all those who are keen on playing, and who are recommended as being suitable to play. Names of both officers and men are required to be sent in not later than April 23.

First trial will take place on Sunday, April 27, at 2.30 p.m. at Sookunpoo.

At a meeting of the Tennis Committee last week it was agreed that all Large Units entering only one team in the Army Tennis League, must take part in "A" League. If it is considered that such a team is too weak for "A" League, the committee may give permission for it to be entered for "B" League, but in all cases sanction of the Tennis Committee must first be obtained.

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SWIMMING

AT a meeting of the Swimming Committee the following list of events was proposed for the forthcoming swimming meeting.

1. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 2 lengths.
2. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 3 lengths.
3. Plunging—Team of 2 per Unit—Each to plunge twice.
4. Inter-Unit Free Style Relay—Team of 4 per Unit—Each to swim 6 lengths.
5. Inter-Unit Free Style—Team of 5 per Unit—one to swim one length, one to swim 6 lengths, one to swim 3 lengths, one to swim 3 lengths, and one to swim 1 length.
6. Diving—Team of 3 per Unit—High Board 1 Plain, Medium Board 1 running plain, 1 fancy. Low Board 1 plain.
7. Inter-Unit Medley Relay—Team of 3 per Unit—One to swim 2 lengths back-stroke, one to swim 2 lengths breast, one to swim 2 lengths free style.

CASH SWEEP RESULTS

Following are the results of the Cash Sweeps at the Race Course yesterday:—

Race 1

No. 545	$1235.85
" 2801	353.10
" 1430	176.55

Tickets Nos.: 409, 1783, 1941, 624, 3026, 778, 383, 2923 get $50 each.

Race 2

No. 2226	$1409.80
" 316	402.80
" 1430	201.40

Tickets Nos.: 3305, 932, 1641, 1566, 752, 3147, 1758, 1575 get $50 each.

Race 3

No. 2462	$941.18
" 2757	941.18
" 2989	209.15

Tickets Nos.: 1629, 547, 2491, 3178, 2328, 2445, 870, 2801, 2341, 2082 get $50 each.

Race 4

No. 16	$1604.05
" 2076	458.30
" 2907	229.15

Tickets Nos: 1467, 3302, 2208, 963, 530, 2556 get $50 each.

Race 5

No. 4153	$2017.40
" 3927	576.40
" 4150	288.20

Tickets Nos.: 988, 2661, get $50 each.

Race 6

No. 3787	$2046.80
" 2325	584.80
" 586	292.40

Tickets Nos.: 3420, 1098, 4200, 2033 get $50 each.

Race 7

No. 3067	$1936.20
" 4367	553.20
" 4302	276.60

Tickets Nos.: 432, 4367, 781, 447, 3067, 2454 669, 966, 2690, 4302, 1655, 774, 3262 get $50 each.

Race 8

No. 1889	$2041.20
" 3720	583.20
" 624	291.60

Tickets Nos.: 3315, 3504, 3456, 2603, 4315, 3862, 2231 get $50 each.

Race 9

No. 2523	$2970.60
" 329	591.60
" 3197	295.80

Tickets Nos.: 279, 1966, 1831, 2454 538, 480, 2772, 415, 67 get $50 each.

Race 10

No. 4089	$2125.20
" 3287	607.40
" 1994	303.70

Tickets Nos: 1716, 640 2416, 3350, 4280, 1581 get $50 each.

Race 11

No. 1276	$2095.45
" 2241	598.70
" 2077	299.35

Tickets Nos.: 4332, 1229, 1834, 2656, 1040, 2323, 4028, 3412, 4673 get $50 each.

Race 12

No. 3428	$4610.90
" 1325	1317.40
" 4670	658.70

Tickets Nos.: 3363, 1766, 3170 get $100 each.

PHOENIX ELEVEN IS BEATEN; EPIC HOCKEY GAME AT CONCLUSION

By "Adrem"

THE ANNUAL UNIVERSITY Phoenix cricket match was played at Pokfulum yesterday under perfect cricket conditions, Dr. Ride's XI winning by four wickets in an interesting match in which scoring by both sides was fast.

The Phoenixes batted first and although they lost Matthews and Gegg quickly, a fine partnership between Tam and Oh realised 67 runs. Tam played a brilliant innings, scoring all round the wicket, especially freely on the leg side and scored 58 out of the 97 runs added while he was at the wickets. He hit 10 boundaries in an innings lasting 75 minutes.

Apart from one or two double-figure scores near the end, when the better bowlers in Dr. Ride's team were performing, the remainder of the side failed.

Ratcliffe bowled steadily to finish with 3 for 24 but Ride, who had at least four catches dropped and had to hit the sticks to be effective, put up some extremely cunning deliveries.

Good Innings

Anderson and Mackay put on 59 for the first wicket for Dr. Ride's XI and later a useful stand of 77 between A. Zimmern and J. L. Youngsaye enabled the Phoenix total to be passed with four wickets in hand.

Zimmern played one of his best innings of the season scoring with well timed strokes all round the wicket, while Youngsaye's off play was very effective and most of his runs came as the result of well-placed snicks through the slips.

Hockey Classic

As the innings was concluded by a quarter to six and there was still lots of energy to spare, a hockey match was played.

The Phoenixes won by 6-5 in a stirring encounter, the game being decided by the fact that the umpire switched his affections in the closing stages!

Every rule in the book was broken with cheerful abandon by both teams and some of the players showed a great deal of skill with their feet.

The Phoenixes wore their shirts outside but the Rest, on occasions, slipped in Fifth Column agents who did much useful work behind the lines.

Anderson played a good game in the Rest defence and Ernie Zimmern showed signs of much natural ability; a couple of extra inches on his waist line and he should develop into a really good custodian.

Dr. Ride was a good half or it might have been right-wing or even right-back, while Panzer units led by J. L. Youngsaye frequently rolled up the Phoenix left-wing with skilful flanking movements.

Dr. Rodrigues, an ex-Interporter, spoke very well and was well-supported by the Rest male voice chorus. Other players could not be identified.

Cricket scores were:—

UNIVERSITY PHOENIXES

K. Y. Tam, b Ride	58
C. N. Matthews, b Ratcliffe	1
W. S. Gegg, l.b.w., Ratcliffe	4
K. S. Oh, b Ratcliffe	24
N. C. Sen Gupta, b Ride	6
N. Singh, c Hong Chow, b Anderson	2
D. Chelliah, run out	16
T. T. Chin, c A. Zimmern, b Hong Choy	1
E. Mazuza, c Youngsaye, b Mackay	15
S. Amplavanar, c Mackay, b Ride	16
S. Mahmood, not out	15
Extras (B10, LB5, W1)	16
Total	174

HOCKEY TOURNEY POSTPONED

The "China Mail" was informed this morning that the Hong Kong Hockey Association six a-side tournament, which was to have been held on Sunday, has been postponed a week. Entries will now close to-morrow week.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Anderson	10	0	44	1
Ratcliffe	7	2	24	3
Hong Chow	6	1	30	1
Ride	5.1	0	22	3
Youngsaye	1	0	12	0
Mackay	2	0	11	1
Rodrigues	1	0	15	0

Anderson bowled one wide.

DR. RIDE'S XI

D. J. N Anderson, c Mazuza, b Amplavanar	69
N. A. E. Mackay, c Amplavanar, b N. Singh	22
Spr. Ratcliffe, b N. Singh	0
Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, c Matthews, b Gegg	8
E. Zimmern, b Mahmood	13
A. Zimmern, l.b.w., b Mazuza	61
Dr. L. T Ride, b Mahmood	10
J. L. Youngsaye, b Mazuza	27
C. Hong Choy, c and b Chelliah	1
C. W. Reed, not out	0
T. B. Teoh, c N. Singh, b Chelliah	0
Extras (B15, LB6, W12, NB1)	24
Total	235

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gegg	10	0	53	1
Mahmood	10	0	73	2
Singh	5	0	31	2
Amplavanar	3	0	14	1
Mazuza	2	0	23	2
Chelliah	1.7	0	17	2

Gegg and Chelliah bowled one wide each and Amplavanar bowled one no-ball.

GOLF AT FANLING

Following were the results of the Shanghai Visitors' Cup Competition played at Fanling on Sunday over 36 holes over the old Course.

F. D. Hunter (1) 75+77=152 nett.

D. J. Bosanquet (18) 72+80 152 nett.

A. B. Purves (9) 74+78=152 nett.

Hunter won the Cup as he had the best score over the second 18 holes, while Bosanquet won the prize for the best morning round, and G. W. Reeve 89—14=75 for the best afternoon round, which was decided on a tie by the last nine holes.

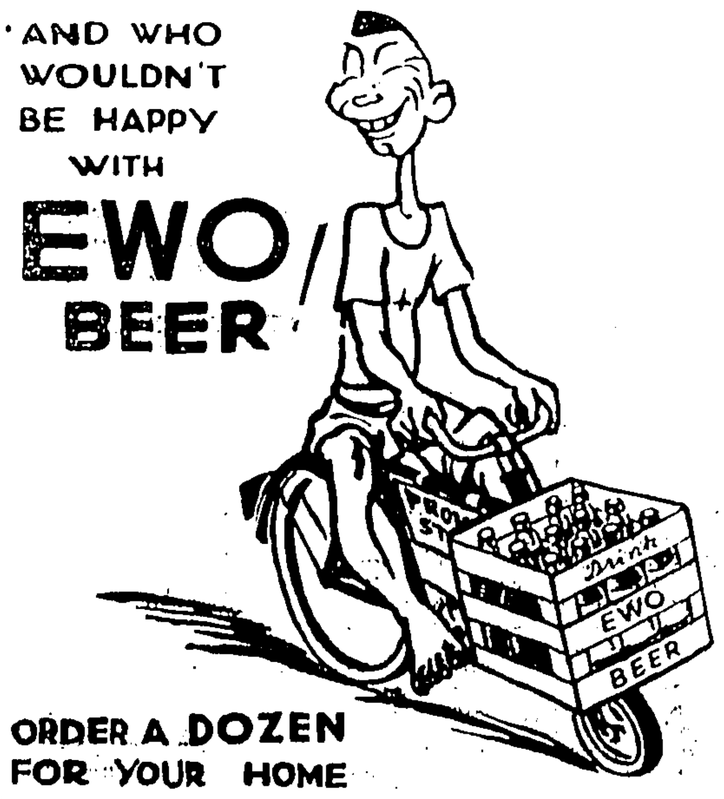
G. W. Sewell 81—12=69 qualified for the Adamson Cup competition for April.

Captain J. Reidy won the play-off for the third round of the "S.C.M.P." (Bomber) competition.

LADIES' GOLF

The golf match played on the New Course, Fanling, on Saturday, between the ladies of Kowloon Golf Club and those of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, resulted in a win for the latter.

The collection for the Ladies Golf Union Spitfire Fund now amounts to $1,240 and £30. The list is about to be closed and ladies wishing to subscribe are requested to send in their contributions to Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, 47 Stubbs Road, before the end of the week.



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ROYAL AIR FORCE WIN THIRD DIVISION TITLE

Beat Royal Signals By Two Clear Goals In Play Off

Edmunds & Hemley Sound Defenders For Airmen

By "Referee"

ROYAL AIR FORCE WON the Third Division soccer title when they defeated Royal Corps of Signals by two clear goals in the play off at Caroline Hill yesterday after leading by one goal at the interval.

Both sides played hard football but the Airmen were served by a good pair of backs in Hemley and Edmunds and it was the efforts of these two that prevented the Signals from scoring.

Edmunds was the outstanding player. He positioned himself well and was safe in his clearances. His partner Hemley gave him good assistance.

Berry in the pivotal position was always up with his forwards and was sound in the defence. Paling and Connelly had a trying afternoon against Pitcher and Husband though they did their work well.

Bartlett and Mansfield were the pick of the Airmen forwards, and provided the most danger to the Signals' defence. Ho Ka-keung was slow to take advantage of the openings made by his other forwards but he was seen in some neat passing movements.

Little Combination

Signals did not combine well, Parry played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Brakenberry tried hard in the forward line but could not evade the attentions of Berry and also found Edmunds and Hemley on top form.

Neither of the wingers sent over good centres.

Play was even for some time and just before the interval Air Force took the lead through Richardson, who sent in a high shot, that Kennard misjudged.

Signals pressed in the second half and Gash was called upon on several occasions. In a breakaway, Ho Ka-keung made the game safe when he scored from a pass from Mansfield.

SIGNALS Kennard; Taylor, Spinks; Dgnan, Parry, Holland, Pitcher, Truscott, Brakenberry, Bundy, Husband.

AIR FORCE Gash, Hemley, Edmunds; Connelly, Berry, Paling; Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kar-keung, Bartlett, Mansfield.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATED

In a hard fought game at Caroline Hill yesterday, South China, First Division champions, were defeated by the "Rest" team by three clear goals after being led at the interval by the only goal scored.

Rest made several changes in their line-up. Blackburn played in place of Roughley, while Maxwell filled Freshwater's position in the half back line. Fung Kwok-cheong was an absentee in the attack and Ferrier substituted.

From the very outset Rest struck up a good understanding and were continually on the offensive. The Chinese appeared to take things easily in the opening stages but in the second period they played their usual game and Bankier was forced to give of his best. Blackburn and Fraser also rose to great heights and it was the work of these three that frustrated many a scoring attempt of the Chinese.

The Rest intermediate-line also came into prominence. Each of the halves played well individually and showed good understanding as a unit. Hsu King-seng dominated the centre of the field and had Lee Wai-tong well checked. Maxwell did not allow Lee Shek-yau much rope and still found time to give Chau Man-chi some of his attention.

Thomas did not have such a strenuous afternoon and did his work well.

Dangerous Wingers

Both Hau Ching-to and Fowler were dangerous wingers and with Hendy's forceful and thrusttful methods in the centre, the Chinese intermediate-line had a hard time. Barber and Ferrier were two clever inside forwards who distributed the ball well.

Tam Kwan-kon had more to do than usual and did not seem so confident. Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai were at their best in the early stages of the game but fell away badly in the second period. Lee Kwok-wai played in the forward line later but he was not comfortable in that position.

Lam Tak-po left Hendy too free, with the result that this player was always a danger. Lau Hing-choy and Tse Kam-hung found the wingers troublesome and had all their time taken up checking them.

Lee Wai-tong tried hard, particularly in the second half, but found Hsu always near him and added to this Bankier was in great form.

Rest started attacking and from one of the raids Hau Ching-to sent in a perfect centre which Hendy cleverly deflected past Tam Kwan-kon.

Hendy, Fowler and Hau Ching-to went near to increasing the lead and at the other end Bankier saved well from Lee Tak-kee and Chau Man-chi.

In the second half Rest were mostly in their own half and the Chinese were making desperate efforts to equalise. Rest increased the lead when Hendy passed the ball over Tsang's head for Hau Ching-to to nip in and net. Before the end, Hendy beat Tam from another breakaway.

At the close of the game, the prizes won in the various leagues were distributed by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of a Vice-President of the Association.

SOUTH CHINA Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Kwok-wai, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-tong, Chau Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

REST Bankier; Blackburn, Fraser; Maxwell, Hsu King-seng, Thomas; Fowler, Ferrier, Hendy, Barber, Hau Ching-to.

TITLES FOR COLLINGS AND GROSE

At Kowloon City yesterday, R. K. Collings beat T. B. Low 5 and 4 to win the Senior championship of Kowloon Golf Club, while H. J. Grose beat A. J. Buttfield 7 and 6 to win the Junior championship.

FOOTBALLERS CELEBRATE

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the Senior Football League and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kotewall Charity Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Hong Kong Football Association, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Football Association as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Mr. Ngan Sik-kwan in proposing "The Guests" said in part:—

It is not only a pleasure, but also an honour, for me, as Chairman of the South China Athletic Association, to extend to you to-night a hearty welcome to join us in the celebration of our Fourth Consecutive Championship in the Senior Division of the Hong Kong Football League. In celebrating this attainment, thus breaking the record formerly held by the Chinese Athletics, we wish also to take this opportunity to rejoice over our other victories, namely, the winning of the much-coveted "treble" by our victories also in the Senior Challenge Shield as well as the Kotewall Charity Cup. As an individual team, I am proud to say, South China has won everything there was for us to win. Though we were not successful in the Junior Division, we were runners-up in the Junior Challenge Shield.

During the last closed season and at the beginning of the soccer season which has just ended, anybody who would have gone so far as to suggest that South China would be among the first three teams in the Senior League, much less emerge Champions, would have been considered screwy, or cock-eyed. We started out most inauspiciously. We managed only to secure enough players for our First Division Eleven. We were beaten by the doughty Scots in the first game we played. The majority of players had left us and there remained only a few "loyalists" from our "A" and "B" teams. "B" team, which had been in existence since 1934, had to be dropped.

In spite of these handicaps, our players realised that they were not playing for themselves and that it took eleven men to make a team. They knew they represented tradition and they have not failed to live up to that tradition.

Great Credit Due

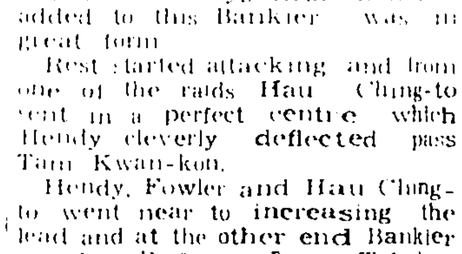
Great credit is due to our football manager, Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, who is one of our guests to-night and to whom a presentation will be made later this evening. Mr. Leung has worked indefatigably and methodically and given unselfishly of his time and efforts to encourage the players always to do their best and to keep the team together. In his work, Mr. Leung has received the whole-hearted support, cooperation and encouragement of all members of the Football Committee.

The greatest credit, however, is due to Lee Wai-tong.

In this connection, I should like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the members of the Council and Committee who have worked so loyally and tirelessly in order that South China might not go on the rocks. This should not, shall not, and must not be so. With their continued support, and that of our many friends, foreign and Chinese, we can look forward with confidence to the future.

I am also happy to see present so many members of the Football Association Council (the chairman of which, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, we are proud to say, was for many years our representative on the Council and is the first Chinese ever to hold the chairmanship), Senior Referees, representatives of our sister clubs, who, at all times, have given us their hearty cooperation, except when they were out to beat us on the football field: the foreign friends who have contributed so generously every year towards our general working fund: and members of the English and Chinese press.

The Hon Mr. N.-L. Smith replied for the guests.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

T. C. Monaghan v. R. E. Guest (1).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

Semi-Final

T. J. Gould (—15.2) v. J. Stirling Lee (—2/6) (6).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6) v. E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6) (3).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15.2) v. C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) (4).

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R.A.F. PLAYING EPIC PART IN MEDITERRANEAN

German Troops Hammered In Greece And Libya

Constant Strafing By Bombers And Fighters

THE R.A.F. CONTINUED on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece. Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cyrenaica.

Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride German road communications between Msus and Sollum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns on roads in the area of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers escorted by fighters in the Koritza area. One Flat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others damaged.

A Messerschmidt twin-engined fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

Tripoli Raided

On Sunday night long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour at Tripoli, base for German reinforcements to the African war front.

Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely. The power station and customs house were also attacked.

South African Air Force 'planes, cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa, made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

Two enemy bombers were burned out and several other bombers and fighters damaged. Explosions were caused.

Bombs On Malta

A number of enemy bombers dropped bombs on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage. One Messerschmidt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.—Reuter.

RIDING THE STORM: HITLER'S GAMBLE

"The Empire is about to pass through the greatest test since the collapse of France," declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, appealing in Sydney yesterday for recruits.

"Hitler is staking all on the next months. When we have ridden the storm he will be doomed." Reuter.

STOP PRESS

In the five days ended at midnight, nine cholera cases were notified to the Medical Department, three of them from Victoria, five from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan. Sixty-four T. B. cases were notified in the same period.

The Russo-Japanese Pact is almost the sole topic in political and diplomatic circles in Washington, with everyone seeking the real significance of this unexpected happening.

Opinions of the Pact's significance vary considerably, from the extreme view that it means Russia will hold Japan's coat while she fights the United States to the view which sees it as evidence of Japanese weakness — that Tokyo has been forced to compromise with Communism in Russia, which doctrine she asserts she has been fighting in China for the last four years.

The Pact surprised official Washington and it is believed Mr. Matsuoka himself was probably quite surprised in obtaining the agreement.

For him personally it is unquestionably a personal success. Reports from Tokyo state he is practically "due for the skids" as far as the Japanese army is concerned.

The "Baltimore Sun" expresses as its opinion that if Japan thinks this apparent strengthening of her position vis-a-vis America will soften United States policy, her calculation is incorrect.

The "Washington Post" says the militarists in Japan are hardly likely to forgive Russia for the help she has given China but "the god of expediency which the Nipponese serve has called for readjustments."

The paper thinks that by holding out threat of action in south-east Asia, which is always a possibility while Hitler is winning in Europe, Japan can recoup her losses in China.

The paper adds it must now be apparent to the most shallow mind that Moscow's role in the world strife is more devious than all—she applied the match and now seems bent on keeping the conflagration ablaze.

The Scripps-Howard "News" thinks the Pact would be of the most momentous significance if either signatory could be sure the other would adhere in both the letter and spirit, but the records of both sides show that they will stay hitched only as long as it is in their mutual interest to do so.—Reuter.

Italian Army's New Role

Italian troops in large numbers are reported to be replacing German troops in occupied France.

An important contingent has already arrived at Angers, in western France, and it is planned to send 40,000 Italians to occupy Paris, declares the Independent French Agency, but no Italian troops will be entrusted with coast protection.

It is also understood that the Armistice Commission has ended its sessions at Wiesbaden and will henceforth function in Paris, whither many of its departments have already been transferred. Reuter.

CASE MAY DRAG ON FOR A YEAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A lawyer has been secured in Saigon for M. Egal, Free French leader in Shanghai, who is being taken to Indo-China for trial.

Legal representation was secured for M. Egal by M. Paul Premet, his lawyer, who is staying in Shanghai to represent M. Egal at this end of the investigation.

The Saigon lawyer is M. Motais de Marbonne.

M. Premet foresees a long probe lasting "possibly a year," before the trial.—International News Service.

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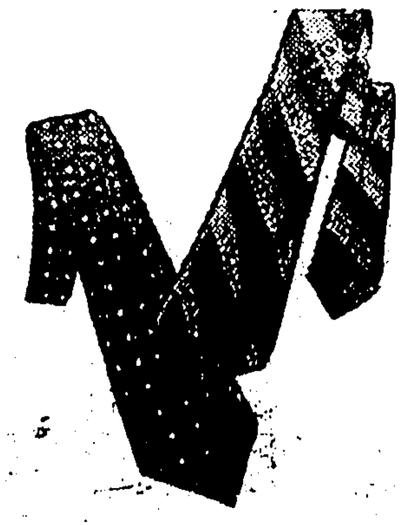

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